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Kissinger in Jerusalem launches dialogue between Israel, Syria

By DAVID LANDAU and ARI RATH

Premier Golda Meir yesterday reviewed with U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger some general ideas on disengagement between Israel and Syria after the Secretary had presented to her a Syrian list of Israel prisoners of war. The Premier and the Secretary were later joined (at the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem) by their senior aides in a longer exchange of views, which continued into a working dinner at the Premier's home.

The Secretary flies to Cairo today, and he will return to Israel briefly on Friday to receive from Mrs. Meir Israel's official ideas on disengagement ,which he will transmit personally to Syrian President Hafez Assad in another visit to Damascus the same day.

Mrs. Meir confers with Henry Kissinger in the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem yesterday. (Israel)

Mrs. Meir reportedly broke down and wept — with relief for the living and grief for the dead — when the Secretary handed her the list of prisoners typed in Arabic. Chief of Staff David Elazar choked back tears as he rushed with the list to a waiting helicopter which took it to the Army's liaison office in Tel Aviv. There army officers began at once to inform the waiting families around the country.

The Secretary told the Israel team — which included Ministers Dayan, Allon and Eban, Washington Ambassador Simha Dinitz, Mordechai Gazit of the Premier's Office and Ephraim Evron of the Foreign Ministry — that Syria had accepted in principle the idea of direct negotiations with Israel. He considered this a major advance. He hopes during this current visit to settle with the two parties the place, level and format of the disengagement talks (see below).

The Secretary came to an understanding with the Syrians that an exchange of prisoners — as Israel has insisted — would be a high priority in the disengagement talks. A well-placed U.S. source considered the possibility that a start on the exchange will be made as the talks progress and before final agreement is reached on disengagement itself.

Last night's working dinner ended shortly before midnight, and Dr. Kissinger returned to his suite at the King David Hotel. Dr. Kissinger is not contemplating a "shuttle" effort between Jerusalem and Damascus at this time, reliable sources said. The ideas of the two parties have not yet crystallized to an extent that would warrant this.

U.S. sources accompanying the Secretary stressed that yesterday's discussions on disengagement were at a very formative and preliminary stage. "We are at the beginning of a process," said one well-placed source. "Ideas are beginning to form."

Asked if a specific Syrian proposal was under discussion, the sources recalled that Dr. Kissinger had stopped off briefly in Israel from Damascus on January 20 and had brought with him then some Syrian disengagement ideas. These same ideas were being explored and examined now, he indicated.

A White House announcement declared that Israel would give its ideas on disengagement to the Secretary only on Friday — after the Red Cross will have visited the PoWs. This formula was intended to meet Israel's precondition to any substantive negotiations: that the lists be made known and the prisoners visited.

Syria, of course, had insisted all along that Israel's preconditions on the PoWs could only be met in the course of the disengagement talks — and it was obviously to satisfy this demand that the U.S. sources accompanying the Secretary gave out that a start — albeit a very preliminary start — had indeed been made on the substantive issues.

Assistant Secretary Joseph Sisco confirmed to *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the talks had indeed centred on the substantive issues of disengagement. And another U.S. source pointed out that when disengagement was discussed the ideas of *all sides* were inevitably broached — indicating that unofficial Israel

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Meir hopes NRP will join her new Cabinet by next Tuesday

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday granted Premier Golda Meir one more week in which to finish the task of setting up her government.

The seemingly incessant wrangling within the National Religious Party over its demand for a change in the status quo over legislation about conversion to Judaism, and the uncertainty over the intentions of Ministerial candidates from Labour's Rafi wing, forced Mrs. Meir to drop her plan to announce the composition of her Cabinet to the President yesterday.

However, she informed Prof. Katzir that she had made up her mind to present her new Cabinet to the Knesset next Tuesday, March 5. She still had hopes, she said, of the NRP coming into her coalition, and of Rafi Ministers sitting alongside their Labour colleagues, despite Defence Minister Moshe Dayan's announcement, echoed by Transport Minister Shimon Peres, that conditions within the Labour party made their participation in the Cabinet impossible, although Rafi as such would give Mrs. Meir full parliamentary support.

Sources close to Mr. Dayan suggested that the Defence Minister might perhaps be prepared to relent and enter the Cabinet if the NRP joined the coalition. However, he seemed still as determined as ever not to join a minority government, resting on the votes of 58 MKs only (54 Alignment plus Arabs and four Independent Liberals).

The secretaries of Labour's three wings (Mapai, Rafi and Ahdut Avoda) are due to meet in Tel Aviv this morning to draft specific proposals to speed the attainment of internal harmony and satisfy Rafi's demands for greater party discipline and loyalty.

Later today, the full reconciliation committee is due to hold its second meeting of the week (the first was on Tuesday night) and, hopefully, to approve the three secretaries' recommendations.

At some stage, Mrs. Meir is expected to intervene personally in speeding the reconciliation process so as to convince the Rafi wing that "she means business."

A spate of reports in yesterday's afternoon papers that Mr. Dayan might be offered the Foreign Affairs portfolio was attributed by some Knesset observers to sources close to Mrs. Meir. According to these observers, the prospects of such an idea taking shape were not bright on Dayan's side, or on Eban's. Nevertheless the existence of the reports would "prove" to Rafi that Mrs. Meir would not resign herself to dispensing with Dayan's talents in any top Ministry he chose.

However, one Labour source suggested that Mr. Dayan might prefer to stay out of the Cabinet till the Agranat commission of inquiry into the shortcomings revealed by the Yom Kippur War had completed its work. If the Defence Minister emerged from the report unscathed, he would return to the Cabinet in an immensely strong position and probably prefer to take the Defence portfolio again. If not, his decision to remain outside now would prove, in hindsight, to have been wisely made.

The Labour source said that, despite Dayan staying out — if he did — Rafi might eventually agree to put two Ministers into the Cabinet. If so Shimon Peres might become Minister of Information, a new post, with responsibility for Israel Broadcasting (television and radio) and the Government Press Office. The second Rafi Minister might be Yitzhak Navon.

The "sure" new faces in the next Cabinet, the source said, would be Yitzhak Rabin, Haim Zadok and Aharon Uzzan. If one more Cabinet seat should become free for a man from the Mapai wing, the choice would be between Jerusalem's Moshe Baram and Tel Aviv's Yehoshua Rabinowitz.

In Labour's wearisome efforts to get the NRP to join the coalition, the three top NRP men — Interior Minister Yosef Burg, Welfare Minister Michael Hazani and Yitzhak Raphael — conferred with Premier Golda Meir yesterday morning and told her that the latest formula suggested by negotiator Haim Zadok to suspend all registration of new immigrants' nationality and religion for 12 months was unacceptable.

The three NRP leaders suggested an alternative, to suspend registration of immigrant converts for one year where their conversion certificate from abroad is "doubtful" (that is, not issued by a known Orthodox rabbi).

Mrs. Meir rejected this counter-proposal.

In the ensuing discussion, Zadok persuaded the NRP men to consider a new suggestion whereby Mrs. Meir's presentation speech would contain an extra paragraph (after the paragraph suggested last week establishing a Ministers' Committee to sit for 12 months and propose agreed ways of amending the laws on conversion).

This extra paragraph would say:

"We are informed by Interior Minister Yosef Burg that, to the best of his knowledge, since the Law of Return was last amended four years ago, no non-Jews have been registered as Jews, and this practice will be maintained in the future as well."

The three NRP leaders took this proposal back to the NRP faction which met in excited debate for over four and a half hours in the Knesset but decided only to continue this afternoon in Tel Aviv.

New post mooted for Dayan

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Since Moshe Dayan appears to be determined not to continue as Defence Minister in the new government, a proposal has been mooted that he occupy a new post responsible for the administered territories and for coordinating disengagement negotiations and peace talks with Egypt, Syria and Jordan.

This would be a new key portfolio in the Cabinet in addition to the Defence, Foreign Affairs and Finance Ministries. It would make it possible for Dayan to deal with the most pressing political problems coming before the government in the near future in the sphere of relations with our Arab neighbours.

Dayan himself has not yet been sounded out on the proposal, but political observers believe he may be receptive to the idea, despite repeated protestations that he would not join the new Cabinet in any capacity.

Should he accept the proposal, the new Defence Minister would deal chiefly with matters concerning the Defence Forces including arms procurement.

Ethiopian airmen join mutiny, cabinet quits

ADDIS ABABA. — Men of the Ethiopian Air Force last night seized control of their base only 50 km. from this capital, as an armed forces revolt over pay and conditions appeared to be spreading.

Earlier the Ethiopian cabinet resigned after talks between government representatives and rebel soldiers collapsed.

The future of Ethiopia and its 25 million people seemed to hang on the next move by Emperor Selassie — the "Lion of Judah" — now facing perhaps the toughest challenge in more than 40 years of rule.

The dissident troops in Asmara and other centres have made a point of pledging their loyalty to the Emperor.

But as well as demanding a pay rise for themselves, they are thought by Western diplomats to want the Emperor to bring in political and economic reforms.

Diplomats in Addis Ababa said air force men had taken control of their base at Debra Zeit and also moved into the town. The diplomats said they also knew of reports that the air force had taken over another base at Dire Dawa in the south.

The resignation of Ethiopia's 19 ministers followed the collapse of talks earlier in the day at the rebel stronghold of Asmara between a committee representing the insurgents and a special government panel of top generals.

A statement issued by the rebel Asmara Radio said: "Our talks did not work out today."

The radio said three generals were being held hostage in Asmara "until we hear by means of radio or the press that there has been acceptance of our demands."

Although the rebellious forces never publicly called for the removal of ministers in their demands, the rebels reportedly were demanding their ouster as part of the price for returning to their barracks.

(Reuter, UPI)

Heath promises hardship if he wins today

LONDON (UPI). — Prime Minister Edward Heath, battling for a new five-year mandate in what is expected to be a neck-and-neck election finish with the Labour Party, told Britons yesterday that they face "hardships and sacrifices" if he wins in today's polls.

He said a new Conservative Party Government would not flinch from taking harsh measures if necessary.

The Labour Party leader, Harold Wilson, charged at his final news conference that the Conservatives had pursued policies that have "sullied industrial relations, caused strikes and pushed inflation in Britain."

Heath, Wilson and Jeremy Thorpe, leader of the third-ranking Liberal Party, all predicted victory.

Three polls published yesterday gave the Conservatives only a slight margin over Labour. They showed the Liberal Party still advancing strongly, although less rapidly than a few days ago. But Jeremy Thorpe claimed at his news conference that his party has emerged as a strong contender to win the election outright.

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AFTER MIDNIGHT

An explosion at 11.15 last night at the Jerusalem home of Assistant Income Tax Commissioner Eliezer Shiloni caused damage but no injuries. The explosion was at Shiloni's fourth-floor flat at 31 Rehov Ben Yehuda.

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62 PoWs named; 18 now known dead

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The fate of the 80 Israel Defence Forces soldiers missing since the conclusion of the October war on the Golan Heights was resolved yesterday.

The Kissinger list brought by the U.S. Secretary of State directly from Damascus had the names of 62 soldiers now held in Syrian captivity and also the names of three civilians he believed to be Arabs employed as watchmen on the Golan.

Eighteen soldiers or airmen were left unaccounted for, and will now presumably be reclassified as missing, presumed dead.

The release of the list here yesterday evening climaxed four months of almost unbearable tension suffered by the next of kin. The late afternoon hours found many of the family members waiting in the special liaison office set up by the Defence Ministry here.

There were heart-moving sights as the happy or tragic tidings were conveyed and passed on to other waiting members of the families by telephone.

One woman told an Israel Radio correspondent: "I was told some time ago that my son had been killed. But on a day like this I cannot stay at home — I want to know that other boys are coming home safely... The more who return, the more worlds there are in our midst," she said.

It is understood that the actual list of prisoners as brought by Dr. Kissinger was flown to Tel Aviv immediately by special helicopter. It was transcribed, probably from the Arabic.

The first teams of runners set out at 6.30. All families were contacted including the unfortunate ones whose representative was not on the list and must now be assumed dead.

The families of the prisoners are hoping that the IRC supervision will now enable them to correspond with the men, and also send parcels.

THE NAMES

The list of PoWs in Hebrew alphabetical order:

Yitzhak Avinoah, Arie Avneri, Yaacov Eisenman, Asher Eliahu, Zvi Afik, Yaacov Ariel, Gideon Ernhalt, Yoav Ben-David, Avi Berber, Itamar Barnea, Menahem Barkai.

Iddo Goldhecht, Amiram Guy, Gilad Garber, Gavriel Garzon, Yizhar Damari, Amir Holzman, Noah Hertz, David Waknin, Zvi Vardi, Efraim Singer, Yigal Havkin, Baruch Hayat, Yitzhak Yahav, Danny Yosef, Naim Yaacov, Yaacov Yaacov, Gur Yisraeli.

Ehud Lev-Ran, Shalom Lavi, Yitzhak Levy, Amos Levinger, David Leibovitz, Daniel Levin, Avikam Lief, Solomon Lankri, Binyamin Mazuz, Moshe Menahem, Yitzhak Nagarker, Gideon Nahum, Zeev Nesher, Meir Svissa, Yatsak Stashalsky.

David Abaki, Avraham Ashhal, Zeev Feller, Baruch Pargel, Julio Freedman, Avi Zucker, Musa Zamrik, Charles Kavalsky, Surin Kuvalio, Yoel Karni, Zvi Ron, Amihai Rokeah, Haim Ram, Uri Shahak, Yoram Shahar, Meir Shani, Michael Schneider, Amnon Sharon, and Yosef Tur.

The three Arab civilian watchmen held prisoner are Suleiman Abdullah, Hassan Ahmad and Mahmud Muhammad.

The army spokesman was unable to say last night whether any men from the Hermon outpost or any pilots are in the list. Foreign Press reports have said that a number of the men taken prisoner in the Hermon strongpoint, had been sent by the Syrians to the Soviet Union.

Meir offers PoW swap

Prime Minister Golda Meir went on the air last night to tell the nation of receiving the prisoner-of-war list from Syria. Speaing sombrely she said efforts would continue unabatedly for an exchange of prisoners with Syria.

Israel holds 386 Syrians and others, men and officers, and "I repeat, we are ready to carry out an exchange at any time."

Expressing gratitude to Dr. Kissinger, who had been authorized by the Syrian government to transmit the list, Mrs. Meir said the Syrian government had promised that Red Cross visits to the Israeli PoWs would start tomorrow.

The people of Israel lived in deep concern for the PoWs in Syria, Mrs. Meir said. "The joy on receiving the list — the first authoritative announcement that they were alive — is mingled with sorrow, and we all share the pain of the 18 families whose sons are not included in the list."

She thanked organizations and personalities in the world who had spoken out on behalf of the PoWs.

Ending her statement, the Premier expressed Israel's readiness to help achieve a separation of forces agreement with Syria. She said the government would submit its ideas on disengagement to Dr. Kissinger tomorrow, so that he could present them personally to the Syrian government. Meanwhile, "we will continue our efforts until all the Israeli prisoners are freed."

'First stage to full withdrawal'

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

The Syrians last night claimed that Dr. Kissinger promised them that the forthcoming military disengagement with Israel would be a first stage in the latter's complete withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

The Syrians made the claim in a statement which otherwise was identical to those released in Jerusalem and Washington in regard to the delivery of the PoWs' list and the subsequent disengagement negotiations.

Gromyko in Dr. K's footsteps (except for Jerusalem)

DAMASCUS (AP). — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko arrived here last night at the start of a Middle East tour apparently designed to see that Moscow's two major Arab allies do not become too reliant on U.S. diplomacy.

Gromyko, who will go on from Damascus to Cairo tomorrow, was met at the airport by Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam. He is expected to talk with President Hafez Assad today.

The Soviet official arrived five-and-one-half hours after U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger left for Israel.

Hebronite hurt in bus blast

An explosive charge went off yesterday in an Arab owned bus as it was entering Jerusalem from Hebron. The incident occurred at noon as the bus was passing the Jaffa Gate. One passenger, a Hebronite, was slightly injured.

A man was detained by police who reached the scene within minutes of the blast.

Jerusalem pleased with PoW deal

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

In Jerusalem last night observers expressed satisfaction at the settlement of the initial PoW issue. They recalled that Israel had agreed to this pattern of settlement when the U.S. first suggested it a fortnight ago. Israel officials made it clear at that time that Israel would agree to a small time-lag elapsing between the Red Cross visits to the PoWs and the start of substantive disengagement talks — so long as that sequence of events were maintained in priciple.

Syria at that time rejected the idea — insisting that the Israel PoW conditions be resolved as *part* of the disengagement negotiations.

Dr. Kissinger's settlement yesterday at once satisfies Israel's precondition and saves Syria's face. Syria can claim that the talks in fact started yesterday, when the Secretary transmitted to Jerusalem President Assad's general ideas on disengagement. Israel for its part will contend that the substantive talks will begin only on Friday at noon — after the PoWs have been visited, when Mrs. Meir gives the Secretary Israel's detailed disengagement plans.

Mrs. Meir is expected to convene the Cabinet today to formulate these plans.

Observers here pointed out that their satisfaction was naturally tempered by concern over the fate of the 18 men who are not among the 65 listed PoWs and who are still unaccounted for. This concern is especially intense in view of the 42 attested cases of Syrian murders of captured Israel soldiers and airmen during the October war.

Dr. Kissinger's aim on this trip — over and above settling the PoW issue — is to establish a negotiating framework in which disengagement would subsequently be worked out.

The framework which the Secretary himself reportedly considers would be the most acceptable to Syria is a continuation of the Israel-Egypt military working group at Geneva. Syrian officers would join this group and conduct, to-

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Dr. K to Egypt today

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Dr. Kissinger is flying to Egypt this morning for talks with Egyptian leaders. He plans to spend the night there and then fly back to Damascus via Israel tomorrow.

The Secretary of State's intended visits to Amman and Riyadh over the weekend remain dependent on the progress of his shuttling mission between Damascus, Jerusalem and Cairo.

Dr. Kissinger conferred with the Syrian leader for six and a half hours in two separate sessions on Tuesday night and yesterday morning, just before flying to Israel.

Neither the Syrian nor the American side made any statement on these early talks. Kissinger, however, was reported to have emerged "cheerful" from his first Damascus visit, indicating that he was pleased with his breakthrough in regard to the PoWs and Damascus' terms for a military disengagement with Israel.

He withheld all comment from reporters on leaving the Syrian capital, but said he "will talk to newsmen at length on a return to Damascus."

In contrast to Damascus press reticence on the eve of Kissinger's visit to Damascus, Syria's two official dailies yesterday carried a three-column photograph of the Secretary of State and Assad, though coverage of the event was restricted to a few paragraphs.

Nasser regime denounced in Cairo

CAIRO (Reuter). — The semi-official Egyptian newspaper "Al-Ahram" said yesterday that President Nasser's sequestration measures in the late 1960s turned "once peaceful Egypt into a gruesome theatre of torture, unprecedented in the darkest years of the Middle Ages."

The article, the second harshly-worded criticism in Egypt of policies under the Nasser regime, spoke of a wave of injustice and oppression.

The "Al Ahram" article follows a comment by a leading Egyptian columnist Ahmed Hamroush in the latest edition of the weekly review "Rose al Youssef" that the monarchy of King Farouk which Nasser ousted was not all evil.

He called for a reappraisal of modern Egyptian history, and said, "It is not fair to rate the former royal family as all evil and disastrous to Egypt."

The two articles appeared two weeks after President Sadat ordered the abolition of press censorship on all but military matters.

NO DEMOB CARDS — NO AID

By YA'ACOV ARDON and AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Work got off to a slow start at nine special service centres opened yesterday to assist demobilized servicemen.

The centres — under the aegis of the Labour Ministry — bring together representatives of all Government Ministries involved in providing benefits under the amended Ex-Servicemen's Rights Law. These Ministries are Labour, Education, Housing, Social Welfare and Commerce and Industry. In addition, each centre has a legal adviser on hand.

At the Jerusalem centre — 185 Rehov Yafo — director Ezra Oz told *The Jerusalem Post:* "There were no crowds today, and many of the persons who came did not have their discharge certificate, which is essential. We told them to get one, by applying to Army Post Office number 2146, and we even gave them a special form on which to apply for such a certificate."

Post reporters who visited the Jerusalem and Haifa centres in the afternoon found the waiting rooms empty.

According to Mr. Oz, most of the enquiries handled yesterday concerned housing.

Experienced town majors believe it will take the Army weeks, perhaps over a month, to process these applications and issue the certificates. It is learned that the snag at the Manpower Department was caused by a malfunctioning or poorly handled computer, which processed thousands of payments and cheques to reservists who were not entitled to them and who cashed them immediately. The now wary Department is now carefuly checking each application before the certificate is issued.

The fact that a reservist's service is recorded in his soldier's book is considered irrelevant by the new liaison officers. In Haifa, the sympathetic staff explained to the men their would-be rights once they have acquired the certificate. The disappointed applicants left and the staffs had the offices to themselves most of the time.

The rights include advice on family problems from Welfare Ministry officals, privileges concerning jobs, vocational training, housing, and loans. Jobs for the returning men will be the least of the problems. Labour Minister Almogi said yesterday that 45,000 Arabs were coming into the country from the West Bank and Gaza daily, and some 20,000 jobs were still vacant.

The Histadrut's information bureau this week reminded employers of their obligations under the law. The law states that an employer must return the demobbed soldier to his former position if he held tenure in that post at the time he was called up. He must be re-hired "at conditions not inferior to those he would have enjoyed had he not been called up.

"If such re-hiring is no longer possible and practical, the employer must put him into a job where his working conditions and benefits are the best possible under the new circumstances," the law stipulates.

These requirements are not obligatory upon an employer who had given the worker severance pay before he was called up, or in the case of a worker who had voluntarily accepted severance pay from his employer after being called up.

The law also says that if a discharged soldier has been given alternative work, but his original job becomes available within six months, the employer is required to restore him to that job.

According to the Histadrut, the term "possible and practical" means that an employer must discharge the worker he hired to replace the mobilized worker, in order to restore the job to the latter. Further, says the Histadrut, the burden of proof that re-hiring the ex-serviceman is no longer "possible and practical" must be borne by the employer and not the demobilized soldier.

The law also warns employers against laying off a worker before he is called up, to avoid the obligations of the law. If it is proved an employer has done this, the worker's dismissal is legally invalid. After demobilization, the worker will be eligible to all his rights under the law, as if he had not been laid off.

(With the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War, Defence Minister Moshe Dayan signed an order for these rights to be given to reservists released from active duty as well as to soldiers who have completed their regular service.)

Jobs for all, says Sapir

TEL AVIV. — Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir said yesterday that he saw no danger of unemployment and an economic slump with the return of thousands of army reservists from active service. "Most of them will return to their places of work without any problem," he said.

Mr. Sapir was speaking at a meeting of the Economic Advisory Emergency Council here.

The Council heard a preliminary report from a committee, headed by Prof. Michael Bruno, on economic trends for 1974. The report predicts an overall 10 to 20 per cent drop in investments.

Prof. Bruno said that, in view of inflationary developments he favoured some kind of linkage of interest on investment loans to the Cost-of-Living Index.

LABOUR in CRISIS

Four leading members of the Labour Party — Almogi, Bar-Am, Gewelber and Peres — are interviewed about the dissensions threatening the party's unity and hampering its ability to form a viable government.

LEA BEN DOR offers her assessment of what ails the party.

MAYOR TEDDY KOLLEK talks to Abraham Rabinovich about practical steps to ensure the peace of Jerusalem.

In Christian Comment, the Archbishop in Jerusalem, the **MOST REV. GEORGE APPLETON**, bids farewell to the Holy City on his retirement.

JUDY SIEGEL tries to find her way through the maze of the revised customs regulations affecting new immigrants.

The **POST** honours the 90th birthday of **SCHWESTER SELMA**, former head nurse of Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, in words and pictures.

Alexander Zvielli reviews **ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN'S** "Gulag Archipelago."

On the occasion of the premiere of **HANOCH LEVINE'S** "Young Varda'le," **MENDEL KOHANSKY** surveys the career to date of the controversial young playwright.

All this and more in tomorrow's

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From the U.S.A.

The Lubavitcher didn't say 'out with socialists'

WASHINGTON. — The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, has denied press reports that he said: "This is the time to get rid of the socialist regime in Israel." Rabbi Leib Gronern, a member of the Lubavitch movement's secretariat, told *The Post* yesterday there was no truth in the report.

In response to the alleged remark, Prime Minister Golda Meir had declared that it was a catastrophe that the Rebbe should give such instructions to his followers.

Another spokesman for the Rebbe, Rabbi Binyamin Klein, told *The Post* the Rebbe had said last Saturday night that there can be no compromise on the "Who is a Jew" question — the words "according to Halacha" must be inserted in any legislation on the question.

This is not a political question but a religious interpretation, Rabbi Klein declared. He had been saying the same thing for 25 years.

The Rebbe was against socialism as an ideology, as were all his followers, but he did not call for the overthrow of Mrs. Meir's Government, Rabbi Klein said.

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received Professor Benjamin Akzin of the Hebrew University, as well as a delegation of professors from other institutions of higher learning.

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Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday presented a Jerusalem medallion to Aluf Rafael Vardi, outgoing O/C of the Judea and Samaria Command.

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Raya Yaglom, president of world Wizo, gave a dinner in her home Tuesday evening in honour of Elaine Blond, president of the British Wizo Federation. Guests included the ambassadors from the U.S., Brazil and Italy, and the Mayor of Tel Aviv and Mrs. Shlomo Lahat.

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Supreme Court Justice Moshe Landau, Vice-Chairman of the Technion Board of Governors, last night addressed a visiting American Technion Society Leadership Mission dinner at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem.

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The new British Consul-General in Jerusalem, E.E. Key, yesterday paid his first courtesy call on the Acting Jerusalem District Representative, Raphael Levy.

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Mr. Eli Messer, hitherto sales manager of the Austrian Airlines office in Israel, has been named manager of the company's Israel branch effective immediately. He replaces Lothar Sternberg, who died suddenly last week.

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Shulamit Aloni, MK, will speak on "Topics before the Eigth Knesset" at the Tel Aviv Rotary Club's ladies night tonight at 8 p.m. at ZOA House.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy with occasional showers and isolated thunderstorms.

Weather synopsis: A cold low is developing over the eastern Mediterranean.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	40	8—16	6—12
Golan	67	3—10	0—5
Nahariya	67	7—18	9—17
Safad	67	5—13	4—8
Haifa	92	10—19	9—16
Tiberias	49	8—22	8—18
Nazareth	52	9—17	6—13
Afula	41	5—20	7—17
Shomron	44	9—16	6—14
Tel Aviv	60	10—19	9—17
Lod	42	6—20	8—17
Jericho	50	8—24	8—20
Gaza	69	9—18	9—17
Beersheba	47	6—18	8—17
Eilat	31	13—25	11—22
Tiran	32	14—26	12—22

Israel watching Franco-Libyan accord — Eban

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Foreign Minister Abba Eban told the Knesset yesterday that Israel would keep vigilant watch on the implementation of the new Franco-Libyan economic, technological and scientific cooperation agreement, to see whether it might include plans to set up military or military-related plants in a country like Libya "whose leaders have turned violence, hatred and war into sacrosanct principles."

However, Mr. Eban said, the information presently at Israel's disposal did not corroborate this negative conclusion. He was replying to a motion for the agenda by Yosef Tamir (Likud-Liberals) which was voted to the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee. Tamir said France wanted oil for atomic reactors.

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan followed Eban on the podium, to reply to a motion by Hillel Seidel (ILP) about mismanagement in the transport of bereaved families to special memorial ceremonies, which was moved to the same Committee. Dayan said he much regretted the hitches in the travel arrangements. He had set up a committee to probe what went wrong, and what should be done to organize transport to memorial ceremonies more smoothly.

Latin American newsmen here

Foreign Minister Abba Eban said this week there was room for a sovereign Palestinian state east of the Jordan River if the Palestinians decided to set one up — since they form the majority there. But, he added, Israel "will not agree to become the 21st Arab state in the Middle East."

Mr. Eban was answering questions in Jerusalem on Tuesday from a group of newspaper editors from Latin America, here for a "dialogue between journalists" under the auspices of the Daily Newspaper Editors' Committee of Israel. The programme is organized by the Is-Al Agency, which provides news and feature articles on Israel to Latin American news media.

The Latin American editors also attended a luncheon at the Knesset with Yitzhak Navon, M.K. and Netanel Lorch, the Knesset Clerk.

Police raids net army gear

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Civilian and military police on Tuesday night turned up shoes, clothes and "dubbonim" (parkas), believed stolen from the army, at five stalls in the flea market here. The find was part of a general drive to retrieve missing army property, mainly clothing. The goods found Tuesday were confiscated, and the vendors questioned about their origin.

Alignment down, poll shows

TEL AVIV. — The Alignment would lose votes and the Likud would gain if elections were held again, according to a public opinion poll conducted by the "Applied Research Centre," an affiliate of Modi'in Ezrachi (a large private investigating agency).

The survey, among 1,200 adults over the age of 18, showed that 36.6 per cent would vote for the Alignment (a drop of three per cent), 31.8 for the Likud (an increase of 1.5 per cent).

New taxi fares

The Ministry of Transport yesterday announced the increased fares for shared *(sherut)* taxis. A ride from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv now cent), 31.8 for the Likud (an in- p.m.), Tel Aviv-Haifa IL8.30 (10.50), Tel Aviv-Beersheba IL9.00 (11.25) and Tel Aviv-Eilat IL27.50 (34.30). The service from Jerusalem to Ben-Gurion Airport at all hours is IL13 (IL19 round trip).

Carless day cut

The carless day will be reduced to twelve hours, from six a.m. to six p.m., starting tomorrow, in Israel and the administered territories. Two and three-wheeled vehicles will be completely exempted from observing the carless day.

SCHWESTER SELMA Meyer, legendary former head nurse of Jerusalem's Sha'are Zedek Hospital, getting a handshake last night after being awarded the city's silver medallion on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Mayor Teddy Kollek made the presentation at a light-hearted ceremony at the Municipality. More than 300 nurses, former patients, city officials and long-time friends turned up to honour the German-born nurse, who had been head nurse since 1916 and founded the hospital's School of Nursing in 1938. (A picture feature on Schwester Selma will appear in tomorrow's *Jerusalem Post* Magazine.) (Rahamim Yisraeli)

More women needed in running city — Almogi

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Mayor Yosef Almogi yesterday called the fact that only one woman was serving on the Haifa Municipal Council a "scandal," and said women should play a greater role in municipal affairs.

Speaking to members of the Wizo Manchester Club on Mount Carmel, the Mayor opened this year's Wizo fund drive in the city by announcing that the Municipality would soon set up a public council representing all local women's voluntary organizations.

On Tuesday, Mr. Almogi told his first press conference as Mayor that mroe public representatives would be invited to sit on Municipal Council more public representatives would be set up for sports, culture and arts and for women's activities.

The newly founded IL10m. economic corporation would be charged with converting ideas ("of which there are plenty") into concrete projects and feasibility studies which could be presented to would-be investors. A tourism development corporation will be founded together with the Tourism Ministry and the hotel and restaurant trades, Mr. Almogi said.

To help keep Haifa clean, students will be employed to enlist the public in a drive for greater cleanliness outside their homes. He would try to find a way to spruce up the derelict house facades above shop fronts.

The mayor had ordered the City Hall newspaper "Panorama" to be discontinued "as it is not a matter of top priority.... Haifa should have a newspaper of its own, but I don't think it is for the municipality to publish it." However, a director of public relations would be engaged to consider and carry out a new policy.

Tel Aviv city rates up

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The municipal executive yesterday decided to raise rates by a maximum of 50 per cent from April 1.

This decision was reached despite a Union of Local Authorities announcement that the municipalities can postpone their decision about the rate increases till April 1.

The increase in the rates calculated on apartment size will be 25 per cent and the increase on the basis of neighbourhood will depend on the classification of the particular district. The city has said, however, that in no case will anyone be asked to pay more than 50 per cent more than what they paid last year.

The municipal business tax will be raised by a maximum of 50 per cent as well. The minimum rates will go up to IL120 a year. Now small kiosks or stores pay no more than IL30 to IL40 a year.

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thoughts on the subject had obviously been aired too.

The Cabinet will convene today to draft Israel's own official disengagement ideas.

The Syrian proposal, it is reliably learned, includes a demand for at least a token section of the pre-1973 Golan Heights to be ceded to Syria at once as part of the disengagement. Syria is also reportedly demanding that it resume control of the town of Kuneitra.

Israel has refused to countenance any withdrawal west of the 1967 line — and the Syrian demand for withdrawal now will probably be a central issue in the negotiations.

U.S. sources revealed that the three-point statement issued by the White House had in fact been agreed upon last week by U.S. and Syrian dipolmats. The U.S. and Syrian diplomats. The week of the approximate PoW figure — and Israel too knew roughly what the figure would be.

It is reliably learned, too, that Israel has evidence pointing to the deaths in battle of 11 of the 18 missing soldiers (three of the list of 65 turned out to be Arab civilians). The other seven apparently died in capitivity and officials in Jerusalem did not hide their suspicions that their deaths could have been avoided. The Syrians reportedly told the Secretary that the seven — or at least some of them — had contracted an infectious disease and their bodies had had to be burnt. They said the rabbi of Damascus had been allowed to attend their last rites.

The Prime Minister, while expressing her grief at the deaths, did not dwell on the issue or seek to highlight it in her television statement. This was interpreted by observers as a deliberate effort on her part to adopt a moderate and conciliatory pose, apparently in the hope and expectation of business-like disengagement negotiations and early exchange of prisoners during them.

THREAT OF BUS WAR FOR EGGED REJECTS MERGER

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Egged members voted on Tuesday by a very narrow majority — 51.44 per cent to 48.56 per cent — not to merge with the Dan bus cooperative.

The decision taken in a nationwide poll may produce a "bus-war," as Dan (limited mainly to Tel Aviv) is now re-activating plans to demand that the Transport Ministry increase its lines at the expense of existing Egged services.

News of the negative answer was received in a very sombre mood at Egged House here, as the management had done everything it could to produce a "yes" vote on the merger proposal.

Egged spokesman Mordechai Shifman told *The Post* at the end of an emergency meeting of the Egged secretariat yesterday that it had been decided to accept the decision of the members, even though the majority was very slim. He added that Egged had sent a letter to the Dan secretariat asking them to understand the new situation and not to cause any aggravation in the relations between the two cooperatives.

"The two cooperatives must now work for the benefit of the passengers," the message said. Egged official circles indicated yesterday that they would not tolerate any poaching on their lines.

Dan spokesman Aharon Shani, however, told *The Post* at the end of his own group's emergency meeting that Dan had decided to immediately go-ahead with their old plans to demand more lines.

"For example," he explained, "a person living in Rishon Lezion and working in north Tel Aviv is punished by having to take one Egged bus from Rishon to the Central Bus Station and then having to switch over to a Dan bus to finish his ride. We believe that we should be allowed to take passengers direct to Tel Aviv from Rishon and Rehovot in the south, Ramle and Lod in the east, and from up to Natanya in the north. This is for the passengers' own benefit. We are also demanding the right to take passengers from the Ramat Gan-Bnei Brak-Givatayim area to all parts of the country." (Dan currently links the area with Jerusalem.)

Asked whether this would not aggravate relationships with Egged, Mr. Shani said "the public interest comes before everything else. We actually demanded these new lines long ago, and the Ministry even agreed in principle. But then Egged members started voicing their disapproval and we began to hear talk of a merger, so our demands were frozen."

Transport Ministry spokesman Yechiel Amital told *The Post* yesterday that he was sorry about the breakdown of the merger. Transport Minister Shimon Peres was on record as saying that the present division of bus services was based on history, and not on the present needs of the booming population in the coastal area. Mr. Amital believed that once the new Government is formed, the redividing and extending of lines will be one of the first items on the Transport Ministry's agenda.

Workers strike four hours over inflation

TEL AVIV. — Some 15,000 workers in the Dan area (Greater Tel Aviv) struck for four hours yesterday morning in protest over the rising cost of living. They demanded stricter price control, a Cost-of-Living allowance review every three months, and taxation of excessive war profits.

Meeting at Histadrut headquarters with Acting Secretary-General Yeruham Meshel and members of the Central Committee, strike leaders were extremely critical of the labour federation for failing to fight inflation. Mr. Meshel argued that the Histadrut had done its best, pointing to the increased c-o-l allowances, inflation. Mr. Meshel argued that the Histadrut had

It was agreed at the end of the meeting that the Histadrut will negotiate wage agreements valid for only one year. Other points are that the Added Value Tax should not be implemented, the Histadrut will oppose higher municipal taxes, and will press for higher taxes on war profiteers. It will also request full compensation for the higher cost of living, linkage of the minimum wage to the average national wage, and will endeavour to reduce middlemen's fees.

Treasury: Tax load lighter 13 per cent from April

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

The abolition of the compulsory Defence Loan on April 1 will reduce the citizen's tax-plus-loan obligation by 12-13 per cent, according to official Treasury sources.

The change — one of a series the Government is proposing to the Knesset — will cut revenue by IL680m. in the fiscal year 1974/75. To help offset the loss, the children's allowance (recently increased) now becomes taxable. The monthly cheque from the National Insurance Institute will continue to supply the full allowance: the tax will be deducted from income subsequently.

Under another change, any lateness in paying tax will now incur an automatic interest charge of 15 per cent (this in addition to the penalty for delay). Many self-employed persons who are supposed to submit their tax return in July do not manage to get it in till several months later. Now they will have an incentive to meet the July deadline.

Yet another proposal concerns *mikdamot* (advances on income tax paid during the year by self-employed persons). The assessing officer will be empowered to order a change in the size of the monthly advance during mid-year if the taxpayer's current income seems to warrant it.

The minimal income exempt from tax, for a married man with two children, will be raised in the next fiscal year to IL792. It was IL632 a month last April, and is now IL743.

The highest tax-plus-loan today is 70 per cent (63 per cent tax and 7 per cent compulsory loan). This applies to incomes which top IL4,200 a month. Under the new system, the marginal tax will remain 63 per cent, with no compulsory loan — but for incomes of IL5,000-6,600 a month. Anything over that will be charged a marginal tax of 65 per cent.

Company tax is to be increased, it is suggested — offsetting most but not all the benefit derived from abolition of the Defence Loan. A limited company (corporation) which does not distribute profits will pay 59.4 per cent tax, instead of a tax-plus-loan of 60.5 per cent.

On distributed profits, the tax-plus-loan ceiling (assuming the recipient of dividends is in the highest income bracket) comes to 88.4 per cent. Next year this ceiling will be 79.7 per cent.

At present the Land Betterment Tax, which declines with length of ownership, reaches zero after 37 years. Thus anybody selling a property after 37 years pays no tax on his gain.

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Under the new proposals the tax obligation will decline more slowly — and will never reach zero. There will always be some tax to pay; but if the property is owned for a long time, it will only be a small figure.

The tax does not apply to a person's own home, provided it is under 70 square metres. This will be changed too. Homes of up to a certain value will be exempt, regardless of size.

Also changed is the capital gains tax, which applies to assets other than real estate (excluding only securities registered on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange). It now comes to 40 per cent, but declines by about 2 per cent each year to reach zero if the asset is held for 18 years.

Under the new system, the annual reduction will be only 1.2 per cent, so it will take 33 years before the tax falls to zero.

Bond-washing is now to be taxed, and therefore will no longer be worth doing, it is hoped. At present it is possible to sell a security to a tax-free institution just before the dividend or interest is due, and to buy it back after, thus evading tax payment. The new proposall is to grant tax-free institutions exemption only for securities they have owned throughout the year.

Though the Defence Loan is abolished, the War Loan (enacted last October) is extended for one more year. It comes to 7 per cent on incomes up to IL40,000 a year, 9 per cent on any excess up to IL60,000, and 12 per cent on any portion of earnings above that. The bonds yield 3 per cent tax-free, but only the principal is linked; they are non-tradeable, and will be redeemed after 15 years.

The employers' loan will be reduced from 5 to 2.5 per cent of payrolls, and should still mobilise IL40m. in 1974/75, Treasury officials say. The loan offers the best return current — 6 per cent tax-free, with the principal linked.

The loan is for 3½ years only. It was first levied in 1970/71, so repayment of one-third (of the first year's instalment) will be made this October. As the loan was imposed at the time both on employers and wage-earners, repayment will be due to both parties, Treasury men point out.

Employment slump ends

Unemployment decreased in January as the demand for workers went up, the Employment Service announced yesterday. This ended the temporary slump that immediately followed the war.

The service received 20,567 requests for workers of which 6,506 requests went unfilled because of manpower shortages. Among the unfilled openings were those for skilled building workers, industrial workers, clerks and hotel and service workers. Over 3,000 requests for unskilled workers went unfilled.

The average daily unemployment rate was 868 as compared to 1,469 during the previous month.

Panthers fined IL100 for rally

TEL AVIV. — The Magistrate's Court yesterday fined Black Panther secretary Shalom Cohen and five other Panthers IL100 each for their roles in a demonstration which disrupted traffic at the Central Bus Station here last month. Two other defendants were acquitted.

Before Judge Haim Shapiro passed sentence, the prosecutor asked that the defendants be given a suspended sentence — to ensure that they would "behave nicely." It could be assumed, he said, that the accused would not pay any fines out of their own pockets.

The five fined with Cohen were Edmund Cohen, David Hizkiyahu, Mordechai Atari, Meir Sabag and Pinhas Sandaroti. *(Itim)*

Inland air fares up 50%

By GEORGE LEONOF, Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent

Rates on Israel domestic air routes go up by more than 50 per cent as of tomorrow, Arkia Inland Airlines announces.

Mainly affected are flights to Eilat from Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, for which the rate will now be IL110 instead of the present IL70.

The once-weekly flight from Eilat to the Santa Katerina Monastery at Mount Sinai will now cost IL88, and the hop from Eilat to Sharm e-Sheikh IL80.

(Eilat workers are to stage a one-hour general strike tomorrow in protest against the increased fares. The Eilat municipality has declared that the hikes constitute an additional blow to the Red Sea port, which "is already undergoing an economic and social crisis." Fares for Eilat residents have always been subsidized, Eilatis paying IL42 for a flight to Tel Aviv instead of IL70. The rate for residents will now be IL60, and for Eilat company employees — IL85.)

Package rates for tours and combined airplane-car excursions in combination with the Avis car rental company have not yet been announced, but the increase is expected to be in the vicinity of 20-30 per cent.

Arkia is not operating its full schedule at present, as its four Herald aircraft are still grounded pending complete correction of a fault which developed in their landing gear. However, the airline has already prepared an expanded schedule to go into effect once its entire fleet is again available. This provides for regular routes from Beersheba to Haifa, Eilat and Massada. Respective rates for these routes will be IL80, IL80 and IL48.

Building cut ⅔ by war

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Building activity slumped to one-third of normal during the last quarter of 1973 (the war months), according to official statistics put together by the Department of the Economic Adviser in the Treasury.

Building starts in the first three quarters of the year had averaged 250,000 square metres a month. But in October-December the monthly figure came to only 80,000 square metres.

The number of cars imported (excluding those exempt from customs) slumped from 2,648 in January 1973 to 1,738 last month. This followed a decline of almost 50 per cent in purchases made during the last quarter of 1973, compared with October-December 1973.

One thing not declining is population. The population of Israel, excluding the administered areas, rose from 3m. in 1970 to 3.3m. last year.

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gether with Egyptians, negotiations on Golan disengagement.

U.S. officials say they are aware that Israel-Syrian disengagement will probably be much harder to negotiate than was Israel-Egyptian disengagement. The U.S. officials speak of much more complex and powerful internal pressures influencing both the Israel and the Syrian governments than was the case during the Israel-Egypt negotiations.

Israel, they explain, is far more reluctant to return stretches of Golan territory than the strip of western Sinai — because of the Golan's proximity to Israel villages and settlements.

The Syrian regime is under pressure from Ba'thist hard-liners to settle for nothing less than the immediate return of at least part of the pre-73 Golan. This notion is unthinkable in Jerusalem. Premier Meir said it would mean awarding Syria a "bonus" for attacking Israel on Yom Kippur — and being driven back.

The U.S. officials say they prefer to disregard — or minimize the importance of public statements by both sides prior to this current trip. They recall that Israel's and Egypt's initial public positions before the disengagement talks in the south were widely divergent — from each other and from each side's ultimate position when the agreement was reached.

On Saturday, the Secretary and his party are due to visit Saudi Arabia and perhaps Jordan too.

U.S. observers say the visits to Egypt and to Saudia are to be seen in the context of Washington's ongoing effort to improve ties with these states. There was speculation earlier that President Sadat and Dr. Kissinger would announce tomorrow the formal re-establishment of diplomatic ties between their two countries. But U.S. officials have pointed out that there is no real hurry with this since diplomatic ties *de facto* have been functioning satisfactorily since January.

Dr. Kissinger will probably discuss with the Egyptians American offers of technical assistance in reopening the Suez Canal. (A U.S. Navy team of experts has been making surveys at the southern end of the Canal since early this week.)

He will also brief Sadat and Foreign Minister Fahmy on his talks in Damascus and Jerusalem, since Syria apparently wants Egypt kept actively in the picture.

Dr. Kissinger and his party will return home via Bonn (where he is to confer with Chancellor Brandt on Monday morning) and Brussels where the Secretary will report to the Nato Council on his progress in the Middle East.

We wish to thank all friends who expressed sympathy on the death of our dear

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Gene and Etta Waldman from Philadelphia take time away from the party given for the UJA me non their return from Egypt to find their wives waiting for them at the Dan hotel. (AP)

Egyptians enquire: How does UJA work?

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The UJA leaders whose bus strayed into Egypt-held territory in Sinai on Tuesday were as "calm and cool as any people I've ever driven in my 24 years behind the wheel," bus driver Baruch Genkin, 53, said yesterday.

The only excessive emotion came when the group of 27 American men returned to their hotel, shortly after two a.m. Wednesday morning. "And then, it was the wives who showed the emotion," said Mr. Genkin.

However, he noted, there had been a strong undercurrent of tension several times. The first time was when the Egyptian soldiers were arguing with the Israelis and the U.N. officers if they were in Israel, in Egypt, or in U.N.-occupied territory.

And while the argument was going on, the UJA members climbed into the bus to eat — and then to utter the "Birkat Ha'Mazon" (blessing of the food).

The second time was when they were blindfolded—after the Egyptians won the argument with the concurrence of the U.N. — and driven across the Canal to Ismailiya.

If anybody was nervous, it was Mr. Genkin himself. "The wheel was taken away from me by an Egyptian Lt.-Colonel who claimed he knew how to drive a bus. I was peeking through my light nylon jacket, which served as a blindfold, and that Lt.-Colonel managed to hit one side of the road after another, and then to get one of the bus wheels stuck for a short time in the bridge over the Canal."

In Ismailiya, the entire group was handed envelopes and asked to place their personal effects and papers in them.

(All the Americans received their papers and other effects back, but not the Israelis, and, apparently, the Lt.-Colonel now has a driving licence — an Israeli one, according to Mr. Genkin.)

In Ismailiya, the group was treated courteously to sandwiches of cheese or jam, and given Coca-Cola to drink.

Each one of the group was then questioned. The Americans were asked (in English) about the composition and tasks of the UJA, how many UJA missions reached Israel each year, and exactly how the UJA goes about raising money. The interrogators also showed a keen interest in how many immigrants were arriving from Russia each year.

The questions to the Israelis—the driver, the guide and a liaison officer — dealt more with military problems and the chances of peace.

"The Egyptians had a Hebrew-speaking interpreter. Only once did my interrogator lose his temper — and this was when I couldn't tell him how many bases the Israel Defence Forces had in Sinai," Mr. Genkin said. "I told him: I keep my eyes on the road when I'm driving, so I can't count the bases. He didn't like this answer, and he roared at me: 'Don't forget, you're a prisoner here.' But then he calmed down."

Towards evening, the military head of the Ismailiya area told them that Egypt wanted peace and that they were soon to be released. It was not certain that the release included the Israelis as well, but the "Americans began whispering among themselves that they would refuse to leave without us," Mr. Genkin said.

He didn't know if this had any effect on the Egyptians, or if the release had been intended for all the group, but at any rate, they were all presented with a coloured booklet in Hebrew called the "October War — the War of Arab Liberation."

Then they were put back on the bus again and driven by the same Egyptian Lt.-Colonel — "whose driving had not improved one bit in the meanwhile" — back to the Israeli lines.

Siilasvuo secured release

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Reporter

General Ensio Siilasvuo, the United Nations Emergency Force Commander, intervened personally with Egyptian Chief of Staff Mohammed Gamasy to secure the release of the UJA bus which strayed into Egyptian-held territory on Tuesday, according to a reliable source in Jerusalem.

The Unef Commander met with Israel's Chief of Staff David Elazar on Tuesday afternoon for a prearranged discussion on the final stage of the disengagement and on the surveillance arrangements which will go into effect thereafter. As the two generals spoke, reports came in describing the circumstances of the obviously inadvertent penetration by the bus of territory held by the Egyptian Second Army east of Ismailiya. (The bus carried 28 American UJA leaders, two Belgians, and several Israelis.)

As some five hours had passed since the bus had gone astray and there were no signs of its imminent return, it was decided that Gen. Siilasvuo would take up the issue directly with Gen. Gamasy. The Israeli authorities apparently wished to be certain that the Egyptian forces on the spot had reported the incident to the High Command and that Cairo was fully aware of all the circumstances.

Three hours after Gen. Siilasvuo's appeal, the bus was on its way back to Tel Aviv.

UN PATROLS OF 'LIMITED FORCE' ZONES TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The U.N. will probably carry out weekly inspection patrols of the Israeli and Egyptian "limited forces" zones, beginning next week, and present their reports to the parties.

Israel has agreed to the once-weekly inspection arrangement, and Unef Commander Gen. Ensio Siilasvuo will now seek — and expects to receive — Egypt's approval, it was reliably learnt last night.

The Finnish Unef Commander discussed inspection arrangements with Israel's Chief of Staff David Elazar in Tel Aviv on Tuesday. He flew back to Cairo yesterday morning to discuss the same subject with Egypt's C-in-C Mohammed Gamasy.

A secret protocol attached to the January 18 disengagement accord provided that the two signatories — Elazar and Gamasy — would consult with Siilasvuo before the March 5 date for completion of disengagement to work out subsequent surveillance procedures.

The Unef officers have told the parties they feel they can "keep their eye on" the two limited-forces zones from day to day simply by observing them from the Unef buffer zone which runs between them. The buffer zone's topography is such as to give its occupants a clear view west across the Egyptian zone to the Canal bank, and east across the Israeli zone too.

Unef is convinced — so small are the quantities of hardware permitted by agreement in the limited-forces zones — that any meaningful movement of men or equipment would immediately be spotted.

Israel is especially wary of possible Egyptian attempts to install missile pads either in the east-bank limited-forces zone or on the west bank of the Canal — which is also due to be missile-free under the disengagement accord. American spy planes and satellites are expected, according to reliable foreign sources, to help check that these areas are indeed clear of the Sam missiles. Their photographs will be sent to the two parties, these sources say, and if Israeli experts notice anything suspicious on them, they will ask the UN to send a patrol to investigate.

Most of the inspection patrolling and reporting will in fact be carried out not directly by Unef (the United Nations Emergency Force), but by Untso (the UN Truce Supervisory Organization).

The Untso role could have been problematical, since the Organization (present in the area since 1949) includes officers from the U.S., Russia and France; the disengagement agreement specifically stipulates that the UN buffer zone and surveillance forces not be manned by soldiers or officers from the Great Powers. Both Israel and Egypt have, nevertheless, agreed to Untso inspection — on the understanding that any Soviet inspectors will inspect only the Egyptian side, and any Americans only the Israeli side.

The Untso officers will present their inspection reports to the Unef Commander, who will then present them to the parties, it is learnt.

Unef senior officers have told both sides of their extreme satisfaction at the progress of disengagement to date, and at the scrupulous adherence by both sides to the provisions of the agreement.

Israel is hoping that even after disengagement is completed next Tuesday, a tripartite Israel-Egypt-Unef liaison post will be maintained on a permanent basis. (Such a post has been operating since the January 18 agreement.) Rav-Aluf Elazar reportedly suggested a spot on the Tasa-Ismailiya road, inside the narrowest stretch of the Unef buffer zone, as the best site for such a post. Gen. Siilasvuo will take up the idea with Gen. Gamasy.

The search for the bodies of missing Israelis will continue beyond the March 5 deadline — at least until the end of March, it has also been learnt. Israel requested this, and Egypt agreed, when it became clear that not all of Israel's missing men would be accounted for by Tuesday.

The searches are now proceeding at a rapid and efficient pace, aided by specially trained dogs imported from Britain. The Egyptian officer now supervising the searches, Gen. Maghdoub, has proved competent and helpful.

Rav-Aluf Elazar (left) and General Siilasvuo at their meeting in Tel Aviv on Tuesday.

Shamgar asked why he closed case on NRP man

ASHKELON. — Knesset Interior Committee chairman Yosef Tamir (Likud) has asked the Attorney-General to explain why he closed a criminal case against a member of the new Alignment-National Religious Party coalition in Ashkelon.

This was announced here at a press conference on Tuesday by Ashkelon's recently deposed Likud Mayor, Avraham Blasberg. He was referring to an accusation filed last August against NRP Deputy Mayor Baruch Abu-Hazeira and two other men after Mr. Abu-Hazeira was found in possession of an immigrant's duty-free car.

Displaying a photostat of the charge-sheet, Mr. Blasberg said the case against Mr. Abu-Hazeira and his two co-defendants was closed two days after the NRP broke its coalition agreement with the Likud and set up a new administration with the Alignment. The two facts were connected, he charged.

"Itim" adds that when Attorney-General Meir Shamgar's representative, Mrs. Shulamit Schiffer, had asked that the case against Mr. Abu-Hazeira be closed, she had simply told Magistrate Gilad Giladi: "since the accused deny the charges made against them, I'm asking that the charges be dropped."

The car was seized last April by the Customs, who ordered the three men to pay the duty and a fine. The three abandoned the vehicle in lieu of payment. *(Itim)*

German-Israel seminar on Holocaust awareness

TEL AVIV. — A joint seminar for Israeli and German educators on how to maintain awareness of the Holocaust alive among the youths of both countries was opened at the Arza senatorium near Jerusalem yesterday. The seminar is sponsored by the Histadrut teachers union and the German teachers union. There are 15 Israelis and 16 Germans taking part.

The German ambassador in Israel, Jesco von Puttkamer, participated in a tree planting ceremony with the 38 educators from West Germany in the Teachers Federation Forest next to Kibbutz Maale Hahamisha.

At least a draw for Netanya

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

Soccer Preview

TEL AVIV. — Netanya Maccabi, blazing the trail at the top of the National League, plays away against Tel Aviv Betar at the Bloomfield Stadium this Saturday, as nearest challenger Tel Aviv Maccabi plays down the road away at Jaffa Maccabi.

Tel Aviv Betar lost 4:1 at the same ground last week to Petah Tikva Maccabi, but this should be seen as a freak result. The Saturday before, the same Tel Aviv Betar inflicted the first defeat of the season on Tel Aviv Maccabi (2:1), producing football with a rare flair. The result of this Saturday's match will depend on which game the Tel Avivians reproduce this weekend.

Shimon Cohen, Eliezer Zweig and Avraham Butbul could cause the usually tight Netanya Maccabi defence some problems, but Netanya Maccabi in its present form should manage a draw at least.

Jaffa Maccabi is another team with a sound defence, which has conceded only seven goals in 14 games. Tel Aviv Maccabi claims the best attack in the First Division, but without Vicky Peretz the forward line will be weakened. Tel Aviv Maccabi might pull it off with the odd goal, but another Jaffa Maccabi draw will surprise no one.

It looks like a Saturday of many draws. Sportoto football pool punters looking for a surprise result might focus their attention on the game between Kfar Saba Hapoel and Tel Aviv Maccabi. Kfar Saba Hapoel is third in the league compared to Tel Aviv Hapoel's 15th place, and has a much better goal average. However, the Sharon side was not all that impressive last week in Jerusalem. The trouble with the Tel Aviv side is its lack of confidence following bad luck and experiments in its line-up. With a little luck, Tel Aviv Hapoel might snatch a draw.

Haifa Hapoel returns to Kiryat Haim, following its disastrous 3:1 defeat by Bnei Yehuda last week, thanks mainly to two penalty spot kicks awarded against it. It dropped Haifa Hapoel to 6th place. Unless the result seriously undermined the confidence of the Haifa side, it should return to winning form this Saturday. Jerusalem Hapoel is visitor, and though the team is playing better fotball every week, it has still only scored six goals this season compared to Haifa Hapoel's 18 goals. It would come as a shock if Haifa Hapoel were not up to collecting two points on its own ground against Jerusalem's weak attack.

Jerusalem Betar has got into the habit of drawing games. It has bottom-of-table Haifa Maccabi as guests at the YMCA ground this week. Though five places separate the clubs, the Betar goal average is not all that much superior. Haifa's. Betar has scored 11 goals, compared to Haifa Maccabi's 12 goals. Haifa Maccabi also has a fine goal-getter in Moshe Agami and another draw cannot be ruled out.

One of the most interesting games on the card appears to be between Petah Tikvah Maccabi and last season's champion, Ramat Gan Hakoah. Petah Tikva Maccabi can produce a touch of class, as Tel Aviv Betar learned last week. At the same time Hakoah failed to find the net against Jerusalem Betar, but this was surely not Hakoah's true form. I doubt whether Petah Tikva Maccabi will be able to return so clear-cut a victory this week, and in this game too, a surprise result should be allowed for.

First and second in the Northern Division of League "A," Tiberias Hapoel and Acre Hapoel, meet in Acre this Saturday. Although the Tiberias side is three points clear, I rate Acre Hapoel slightly the better balanced side and fancy an Acre win. First and fourth placed teams in the Southern Division, Sha'arayim Maccabi an dHolon Hapoel, meet in Rehovot. Sha'arayim might just have the edge in attack.

Three participants in the Sportoto football pool last week marked all 13 results correctly, to collect IL75,000 each. Thirty-two coupons had 12 results right, each worth IL3,350. Eleven results will receive cheques for IL225 and ten results will take IL26. A total of nearly IL1.3 million was invested and IL550,000 paid out in prize money.

A minimum of IL500,000 will be paid this week in prize money, Sportoto announced.

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Rugby training starts

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Rugby Football Union's 1973/74 season will finally get under way early in March — some four months behind schedule — now that most of the players mobilized during the war and subsequent emergency have been released.

The country's biggest club, Holon-Ramat Gan, will have its first training session tomorrow at Holon's Kiryat Hasport in the Jessie Cohen area (starting at 2 p.m.). This new club, half of whose fifty players are sabras or "veteran" Israelis, will field two teams in the coming programme.

Boys steal truck

RAMLE. — The police here yesterday arrested two boys, 13 and 15, allegedly driving a stolen truck loaded with cigarettes and sweets. Police said the two, together with two others who managed to escape, stole the truck in Tel Aviv and then broke into a shop there. *(Itim)*

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Two Moscow Jews end fast; 3rd continues

MOSCOW (UPI). — Sinologist Vitaly Rubin and painter Victor Glatsky have ended their hunger strike after 12 days, but their colleague David Azbel is continuing his fast, Jewish sources said here yesterday.

The Jews began the hunger strike on February 15 to protest the Soviet authorities' refusal to grant them exit visas to Israel.

The sources said that Dr. Rubin, 50, an expert on ancient Chinese, and artist Vladimir Galatsky, 44, ended their strike on Tuesday. But they said chemistry professor David Azbel, 63, who spent 16 years in Stalinist prison camps, was continuing, against the advice of his doctor.

They did not know how long he planned to continue. Prof. Azbel's telephone was cut off shortly after the strike began.

The Post's Sraya Shapiro adds from Tel Aviv:

News of the end of the strike was received here yesterday by the Scientists Committee of the National Council for Soviet Jewry, which on Monday night had asked the three to end their fast.

Dr. Rubin and Mr. Galatsky, contacted by telephone, both said "we think our strike has accomplished its goal." But Prof. Azbel told the Committee: "While I am deeply touched by your anxiety about my health, unfortunately I cannot fulfil your request. Remember my age and all that I have gone through in my life. This is about my fortieth strike, and I am used to them. I feel well, although the doctors do not agree with me.

"My struggle is not of a personal character. I and my friends fight, and will continue to fight, for the right of the Jews to live where they want to. Our need to go to our historic homeland is as necessary for us as it is for the Soviet government; it is time the Soviet government thought about this."

French win bridge pairs

By GEORGE E. LEVINREW
Jerusalem Post Bridge Correspondent

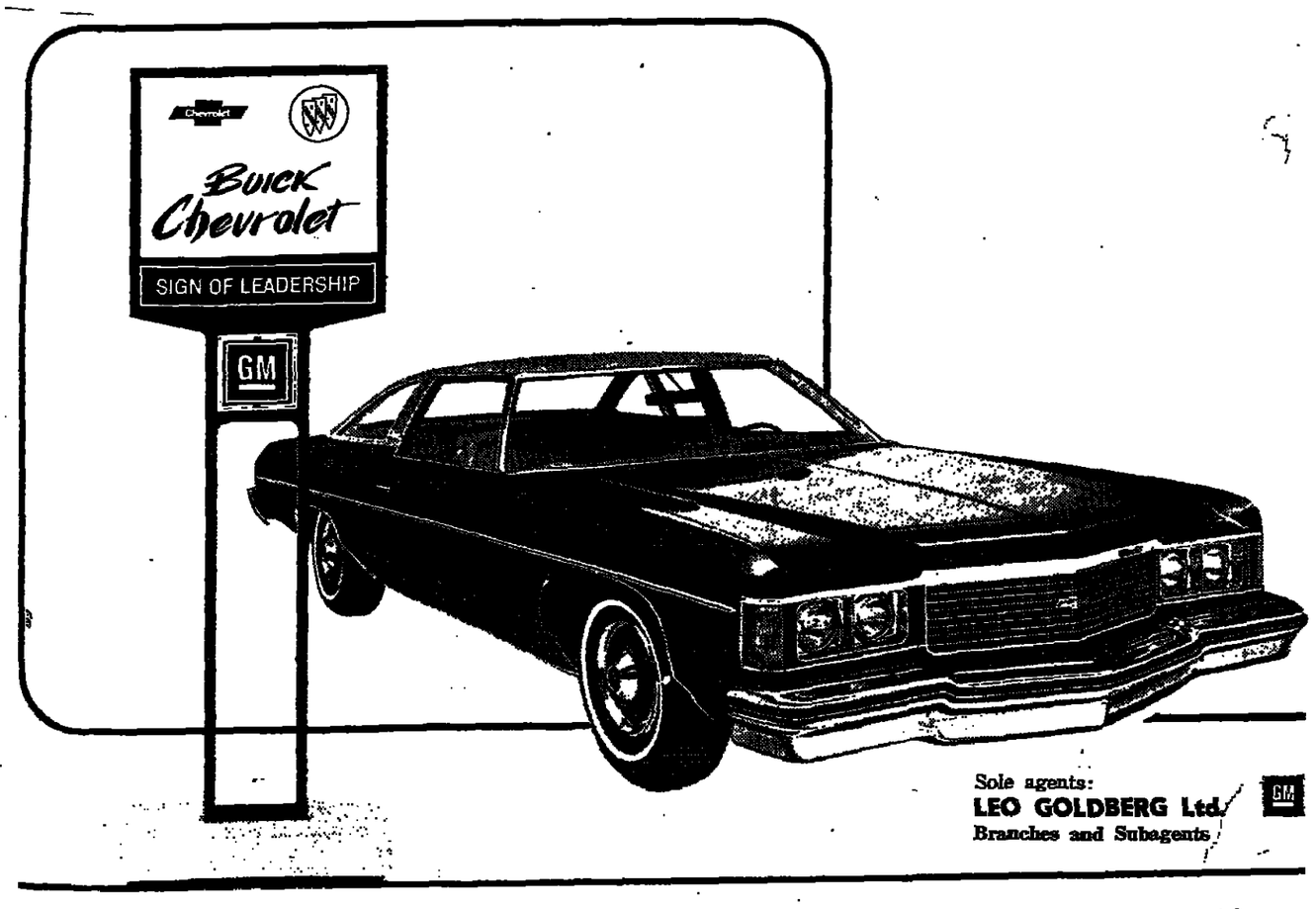
Two French pairs, Twitner-Yallouze with 7,820 or 65 per cent and Feigenbaum-Scepburn with 7,582 or 63 per cent, on Tuesday evening won the three-session, blue-ribbon Open Pair Tournament at the International Israel Bridge Congress in Tel Aviv. Close behind were Aziel-Meshulam of Savyon with 7,409 or 62 per cent who are always among the top scorers in this event.

In fourth place were last year's winners of the event, Lev-Romik of Israel's junior team with 7,181 or 60 per cent. Only three points behind was Stampf-Schwartz of the national team. In sixth place was a relatively new pair, Asriel-Fisher of Haifa, with 7,112 or 59 per cent.

Competing were 174 pairs, a record turnout. The tournament was played in six sections with 14 or 15 tables in each and the deals duplicated across the field.

In a side game of 13 tables preceding the open pairs, the winner was Dr. Rylaum of Jerusalem with Mr. Pilitz of Tel Aviv.

TONIGHT'S BASKETBALL game between Tel Aviv Maccabi and Belgian champions Aural of Antwerp will be broadcast from Yad Eliahu Stadium in Tel Aviv at 9 p.m. on television and 9.05 on the radio.



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FINE AND FREEDOM' FOR ARAB -PLOTTERS

ROME (Reuter). — A Rome court yesterday granted provisional liberty pending appeal to three Arabs it found guilty of possessing two guided missiles. The three were believed to have planned to shoot down an El Al aircraft.

The court had specified that the three Arabs must pay 20 million lire (IL135,000) bail each before being released. Bail was granted pending appeal against the sentence.

Justice sources said last week that the three would be given provisional liberty in yesterday's trial because of threats by Palestinian terrorist groups to stage a massive reprisal if they were not released by today. The trial was originally scheduled for March 2 but was brought forward for this reason, the sources said.

The court found the three Arabs — a Lebanese, an Iraqi and an Algerian — guilty of possessing and carrying weapons of war and sentenced them to five years, two months' imprisonment and a fine of 1,610,000 lire (£1,100).

But they were cleared for lack of proof of a charge of importing weapons of war. They were also found not guilty of forging documents.

The two missiles were ordered to be confiscated.

The three men on trial yesterday were Mahmoud Nabil Mohamed Azmy Kany, 22, from Lebanon, Hassan Ahmed al-Hadithi, 26, from Iraq, and Amil el-Hindi, 28, from Algeria.

The charges stemed from a raid last September 5 on an apartment at Ostia, where police discovered the two Soviet-made missiles. Police said the missiles were intended for an attack on an El Al aircraft using nearby Fiumicino Airport.

Two other men were originally arrested with the three facing trial yesterday, but they were later granted provisional liberty and are understood to have fled to Libya.

William Calley freed on bond

COLUMBUS, Georgia (AP). — A federal judge yesterday freed Lt. William Calley Jr. on $1,000 bond after his attorneys argued that Calley presented no danger to society.

U.S. District Court judge J. Robert Elliott issued his ruling after Calley, convicted three years ago on murder charges stemming from the My Lai massacre, took the witness stand and said that if he were released, he would get a job in Columbus.

Messmer to form a more united cabinet after criticism

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — French President Georges Pompidou yesterday carried out a surprise manoeuvre aimed at bolstering the weakening authority of Premier Pierre Messmer by having him resign only to be re-appointed to his post several hours later.

The move was aimed for domestic consumption only, but was also believed to have been meant as a severe warning to Pompidou's own supporters that cohesion was indispensable in government ranks if the Gaullist majority wished to remain in power after the 1976 elections.

Messmer's popularity has been at a low ebb during recent weeks, and one poll even showed he was the least popular man to hold his office over the last 15 years.

Coupled with reports on Pompidou's own flagging health, unrest began to build up in government ranks, where opponents were already being paired off for an eventual successor to Pompidou.

It is widely accepted as inconceivable that Messmer could himself succeed Pompidou, and the French President was until now quite content in keeping the lustreless Prime Minister — who presents no threat as a rival — as a caretaker for day to day affairs.

The real fight for the succession — which will undoubtedly pit former Premier Jacques Chaban-Delmas against Finance Minister Valery Giscard d'Estaing — has only been postponed slightly by yesterday's moves.

Messmer is expected to announce a new cabinet tomorrow, but observers here said there would be no notable changes in the team which has just left office.

The only novelty will be the dropping of a slew of unknown secretaries of state who were only appointed to their posts after France's last legislative elections to thank them for their campaign efforts.

One man sure of retaining his place in the new cabinet is Pompidou's close friend Michel Jobert who has put off for the moment a trip to Egypt and Lebanon because of the government re-shuffle.

Observers here said Pompidou was hoping that his move would silence criticism of Messmer in government ranks, where sympathisers of Chaban-Delmas have been clamouring for their hero's return.

If the criticism is not silenced, and if Messmer is not able to take the swift measures needed to face growing inflation and the energy crisis, then his new cabinet might be very short-lived, observers say.

Premier Messmer (AP)

Khartoum eight describe killing of diplomats

KHARTOUM. — Eight Black September terrorists who occupied the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Khartoum for 60 hours in March, 1973, told a preliminary hearing yesterday they all took part in the killing of two American diplomats and a Belgian, court sources said.

The sources said tape recorded "confessions" of the eight terrorists were played in the Magistrate's Court conducting a preliminary hearing into the case.

The eight are accused of killing U.S. Ambassador Cleo Noel, his deputy, George Curtis Moore, and Belgian Charge d'Affaires Guy Eide during their siege of the embassy last March.

The court was told the diplomats were killed as they sat on the embassy floor with their hands tied.

One of the accused was alleged yesterday to have said in a taped confession: "All of us participated in the shooting."

He added that the terrorist group's instructions were to shoot the three Western diplomats and release any Arabs if the Sudanese Army penetrated the embassy. The Saudi and Jordanian envoys were set free.

Another defendant said he met the other seven members of the raiding party only four hours before their mission began. They travelled to Khartoum from Beirut, he said.

The court has to decide whether there is a *prima facie* case for sending the terrorists for trial before a higher tribunal. Its hearings have dragged on intermittently for months and only 12 persons — all Palestinians — sat in the public gallery yesterday.

(UPI, Reuter)

JALLOUD 'IN A HUFF'

LONDON (AP). — A new misunderstanding threatened yesterday to complicate further Britain's uneasy relations with Libya.

Senior diplomats reported that the difficulty centers on a twice deferred British invitation to Prime Minister Jalloud to visit London.

The Foreign Office has been awaiting word for weeks on whether Jalloud, now in West Germany on a tour through Europe, intends to visit Britain. Inquiries have been met with a stony silence, leading some authorities to suspect that Jalloud may have taken offence.

The unusual affair, involving elements of pride, prestige and politics, began mid-January. The Libyans advised London that Jalloud and a group of his ministers were planning a seven-nation tour through Europe and would like to stop over in London for talks. Other countries on their list were France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Austria and Sweden. Late January or early February were given as their preferred visiting times.

With some speed the Foreign Office indicated the group would be welcome here. There was much to discuss. Matters of oil, financial claims and counter-claims, trade, the conduct of easy diplomatic relations and, of course, a boast by Gaddafi that Libya is providing the Irish Republican Army with arms and money for their insurrection again British rule.

And so the British proposed that the week beginning February 11 would suit them best. This seemed to suit Jalloud's programme.

But then, somewhat unexpectedly, the 13-nation, American-sponsored conference on the world energy crisis was set up. It required the presence of the Foreign Secretary, Sir Alec Douglas-Home, and Energy Minister Lord Carrington.

The Libyans, consequently, were told it would suit Britain best if Jalloud's party could come during the following week, beginning February 18. It seemed the Libyans were ready to accept that timing, according to Arab officials.

A new complication arose next. Prime Minister Heath decided to call election for February 28. This meant that he and his Cabinet colleagues would be busy campaigning. Jalloud was advised by the British that there would be few, if any, leaders available to receive him during the campaign. He was asked if a date after the election could be arranged.

Nothing has been heard from the Libyans since. There has been speculation they have been offended at the suggestion that Heath and others would have little time, if any, to confer with them. There also has been speculation that Jalloud's own timetable could not be stretched. And there have been suggestions he may be waiting to see if there will be a change of government.

The British themselves, meantime, are not too depressed that Jalloud is staying away during the election campaign. He would be unlikely to win votes for Heath. The Libyans have nationalised British oil interests. They have cut down the size of Britain's diplomatic mission. They have banned a whole range of selected British imports without explanation. They have refused to explain how a shipload of arms, believed to have been loaded off the Libyan coastline, was despatched toward Ireland before being seized by the Irish Republic.

Sooner or later, however, talks between the two governments will need to be arranged because each has multi-million dollars worth of financial claims against the other.

Bonn p... to assis... Libya

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — Chancellor Willy Brandt last night pledged West Germany's readiness to work with Libya in developing its industry, agriculture and oil economy.

The pledge was contained in a speech which Mr. Brandt was scheduled to give at a dinner later in the evening for visiting Libyan Premier Abdel Salam Jalloud.

Jalloud arrived here yesterday at Mr. Brandt's invitation for a four-day visit to West Germany. In addition to talks with Mr. Brandt, Jalloud will meet Foreign Minister Walter Scheel, Development Aid Minister Erhard Eppler and Economics Minister Hans Friderichs.

Mr. Brandt, in an obvious reference to Arab oil price policies and production cutbacks, referred to the "inter-dependence" of the economies of the world's nations, and warned that "interruption or disturbance of this inter-dependence will harm all of them. (Libya is West Germany's biggest oil supplier.)

"Therefore, problems should be settled in agreement, whether they involve raw materials, industrial goods, the international monetary order, investments or technical know-how," Brandt said.

The Chancellor also called for peace in the Midde East. "As far as is possible for us we would also like to contribute to a just peace in this region," he said.

Habash wants 'new Vietnam' in Mid-East

BAGHDAD. — The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) has called for a "liberation war" to turn the Arab front into a "new Vietnam," it was reported yesterday.

Dr. George Habash, leader of the PLFP, reaffirmed the terrorist organization's rejection of a negotiated Middle East settlement at a mass rally here on Tuesday night organized during his visit for talks with Iraqi leaders, the Iraq News Agency said.

He said the PFLP would oppose moves, led by Dr. Kissinger, to restore American influence in the Arab world.

Habash said Kissinger's Middle East diplomacy was "aimed at restoring American influence in the Arab region." Habash reaffirmed his organization's rejection of plans for establishing a Palestinian state on the West Bank.

The other major terrorist groups, Al Fatah, the Syrian-backed Saika and the Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, support the creation of a Palestinian state and other aspects of the search for a settlement.

One dead, 18 hurt in Gaddafi welcome

KARACHI (AP). — One person was reported killed and 18 others injured, some seriously, when a balcony collapsed at Karachi Airport, as Libyan President Muammar Gaddafi arrived yesterday for a tour of Pakistan.

Soviet 'helping hand' for Dr. K in Syria

By K.C. THALER

LONDON (UPI). — The Soviet Union is giving Dr. Kissinger a "helping hand" in his current effort to get Syrian cooperation in the disengagement of forces, diplomatic informants said yesterday.

Moscow has reportedly urged Syrian President Hafez Assad to cooperate in the current Middle East peace effort, the sources said.

The Russians promised "qualified support" for Kissinger in his effort in Syria during the recent visit of Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko to Washington.

The Soviet envoy in Damascus, Nureddin Mohiedinov, delivered a message from Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev to Assad only hours before Kissinger's arrival there.

But the Russians are understood also to be supporting Syria in its insistence that any commitment to military disengagement be linked firmly to a wider overall settlement based on eventual complete Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

Diplomatic informants said the Russians were so far satisfied with Kissinger "doing the running" for a Middle East settlement. However, the sources left little doubt that Moscow was keeping a sharp eye on Kissinger's moves, reserving for themselves a more active role once the peace negotiations proper begin in Geneva.

Western diplomatic reports from Moscow, on the other hand, suggest that the Russians are increasingly worried about their receding influence among the Arab countries, whom they suspect of "moving to the nationalist right" and toward increasing cooperation with the U.S.

INDIAN RIOTERS SHOT

NEW DELHI (AP). — Police killed three rioters in Gujarat State yesterday as anti-government protests spread again from the west-central Indian state's major population centres to outlying towns, an official spokesman said.

In one town, constables wounded eight members of a funeral procession carrying the body of a boy clubbed to death by police the night before after the procession became violent, the spokesman said.

There was little sign of any easing in the violence after 48 days of almost continual trouble that began during a state-wide general strike protesting against prices and food scarcity.

The disturbances later turned against the state government, which was forced to resign one month after the strike. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, now running the state administration, has not allowed the State Assembly to adjourn, a step which would force elections and jeopardize her Congress Party's majority in the assembly.

'Anti-Egypt' group attacks Chase bank

NEW YORK (AP). — Windows were smashed in three Chase Manhattan Bank branch offices here yesterday. It was the second such attack against the bank in three weeks.

An anonymous telephone caller told the Associated Press that the attack occurred because of Chase's "dealings with the Soviet Union" and the bank's "loans to murderous Egyptian aggressors."

The caller said the American Jewish Committee was responsible for the act. A spokesman for that organisation denied any involvement.

After the first attack on three other Chase branches in New York City three weeks ago, an anonymous caller said the American Jewish Congress was responsible for the act. The caller concluded with the word "never again," the rallying cry of the Jewish Defence League.

Balloonist said sighted

SANTA CRUZ de Tenerife, Canary Island (AP). — Missing American balloonist Thomas Gatch was reported spotted over the Canary Islands yesterday, but hours later there was still no official confirmation of the sighting.

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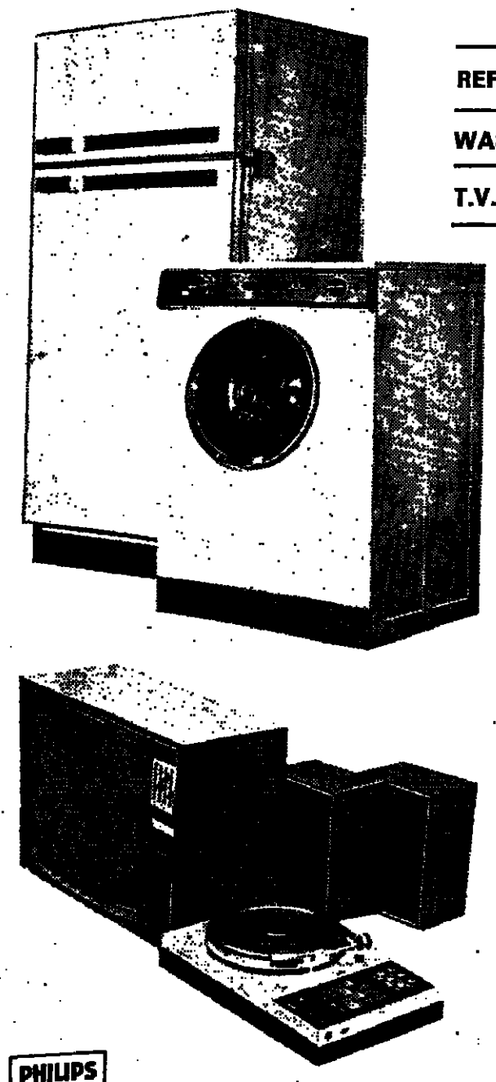

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U.S. SPEEDING ROBOT PLANE TO BEAT SOVIET MISSILES

WASHINGTON. — Spurred by Israel's heavy plane losses in the October war, the U.S. Air Force is speeding development of robot aircraft to attack heavy anti-aircraft defences without risking pilots' lives.

Officials here expect to have the first such pilotless strike aircraft within the next two or three years by using some components already being manufactured, including a 3,000-pound drone now used for photo reconnaissance.

Otherwise it might take as long as seven or eight years if Air Force industry specialists designed an entirely new plane.

American experts were surprised when the Israel Air Force lost about 100 planes to Soviet-made missiles and anti-aircraft guns during the war.

Although Israel finally neutralized the Arab batteries, the question remained of how to overcome the possible high cost in U.S. pilots and planes if they ever had to penetrate thick Soviet air defences.

As a result, Air Force chiefs have given a push to the programme for developing Remotely Piloted Vehicles (RPVs).

The Air Force is asking Congress for $15m. to develop what is described as a "multi-mission RPV" that could drop bombs or launch missiles at ground targets, jam enemy radar, and conduct reconnaissance.

The plan is to build 50 such robot systems at first. Officials say there has been no decision on how many such RPVs may eventually be built. The robots would be launched either from an aircraft or from the ground.

Experts said they would go in at low level, under enemy radar, attack their targets, and then fly back and be recovered. Present reconnaissance drones are manoeuvred by controllers from DC-130 aircraft.

Project officers say they foresee no insurmountable technical problems in developing the strike robots.

Their biggest problem, as they see it, is to devise the means of controlling RPVs in large numbers.

Following a study of the October fighting, Admiral Thomas Moorer, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has concluded that the widespread use of Soviet anti-tank and anti-aircraft missiles by the Arabs does not represent a new era of warfare.

Moorer said that analysis since the October war had given the impression that the effective use of missiles against tanks and planes had changed the nature of war.

"In my view this impression is unjustified. Time-honoured strategic and tactical concepts have been underlined, reinforced and footnoted — not repealed or replaced," Moorer said in his annual report to Congress.

He said that although Egyptian and Syrian forces had had the advantages of surprise and more equipment and men, the Israelis achieved the dominant position on both fronts largely through the leadership displayed by officers of all ranks.

Admiral Moorer told Congress that the Soviet Union supplied the Arabs with $2,600m. worth of equipment during the October conflict — more than twice the $1,000m. worth of weapons the U.S. sent to Israel.

The admiral said that the U.S. Air Force was speeding up the development of weapons to knock out anti-aircraft missiles, which he said the Middle East war showed could provide an army with at least an initial defence against air attack.

Moorer also said that the Soviet Union's deployment of a new long-range, submarine-launched missile made necessary the purchase by the U.S. forces of a new warning radar, which Congress blocked last year. The Soviet Union, he said, had deployed a new SSP-8 missile on at least three submarines. The missile had a range of 4,200 nautical miles, more than three times that of the missile it was replacing and considerably more than the 2,800-nautical-mile range of the U.S. submarine-launched Poseidon.

(Reuter, AP)

King Hussein presents wings to new parachute graduates at a ceremony in Amman on Tuesday. (AP radiophoto)

Wife of Wilson threatened by 'Vermeer thief'

LONDON. — An anonymous telephone caller claiming to have stolen a priceless Vermeer oil painting threatened late Tuesday to "get" the wife of Labour Party leader Harold Wilson unless food worth £500,000 was distributed among the poor of the Caribbean island of Grenada.

The caller to the "Guardian" newspaper, speaking with a West Indian accent and identifying himself only as "Harry," also demanded that free kerosene be given to old people in North London.

Asked how he could prove he had the painting, "The Guitar Player" by 17th century Dutch master Jan Vermeer, he said: "We can take a bit off and send it to you. Or we can burn a bit and send that to you." The painting, valued by police at £1m., was stolen last weekend from a London gallery.

Meanwhile a man who claims he drove the automobile for the thieves called a London radio station late Tuesday and said three men were involved in the robbery, and the painting was now out of the country.

The owners of the stolen painting, the Greater Council of London, yesterday warned the thieves who took it that the painting could crumble at any time.

Police have found the dark ebony frame of the painting almost a kilometre from its gallery home. It was splintered on one corner and the glass was cracked.

Art experts, however, said the painting presumably was still supported by its stretcher. *(AP, UPI)*

SLOW-DOWN IN THE GOLD RUSH

LONDON (UPI). — The great gold rush slowed yesterday, pushing the gold price down from Tuesday's all-time records to the $175 an ounce range, where some dealers said it might remain.

The stampede into gold by speculators and by investors fearful of paper money and inflation boosted the precious metal's price to record after record on Tuesday. But by the opening of markets yesterday the "mad rush" had slowed down.

Gold opened uncertainly in most bullion markets, and after some see-saw movement in the morning the price began dropping back.

Some dealers and bullion experts have predicted that the gold price might eventually stabilize at about $175 an ounce. Speculation of possible revaluation of gold's official price — now $42.22 an ounce — has centred on that figure.

The dollar gained ground in London, Zurich, Frankfurt and Brussels, although by small amounts.

13 million in Italian strike

ROME (AP). — About 13 million workers, from car workers in Turin to sharecroppers in Sicily, plunged Italy into a general strike yesterday over booming inflation.

Business, industry, commerce, agriculture and transportation came to a halt for four hours throughout the nation in Italian labour's first general walkout of the year.

In the capital, the general strike was for 24 hours. The giant steel plants in Taranto were also struck for a day. Shops remained open, as did hospitals, but only for emergency cases.

Aim of hijacker's bid was dive at White House

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The man who tried to hijack a jet at Baltimore-Washington Airport last week was planning to crash dive the plane into the White House, syndicated columnist Jack Anderson said yesterday.

He said the man, Samuel Joseph Byck, who killed two men and was killed himself in the attempt, disclosed his plans in a tape recording mailed to the columnist a few hours before the attempted hijacking on February 22.

Calling his plan "Pandora's Box," Byck wrote to Anderson: "Whoever dies in project Pandora's Box will be directly attributable to Watergate scandals."

In the tape Byck, known to Secret Service agents as an anti-Nixon activist in demonstrations at the White House, said:

"I will try to get the plane aloft and fly it towards the target area, which will be Washington, D.C., the capital of the most powerful nation of the world.

"By guise, threats or trickery, I hope to force the pilot to buzz the White House — I mean, sort of dive towards the White House.

"When the plane is in this position, I will shoot the pilot and then in the last few minutes try to steer the plane into the target, which is the White House."

Byck killed an airport guard and a commercial jet's co-pilot, as well as wounding the pilot before he himself was fatally wounded in his hijack attempt.

NIXON REFUSES TO ATTEND COURT

WASHINGTON. — President Nixon has refused to appear at a court hearing called to determine if he should attend the Watergate-related trial of a former top White House aide.

Mr. Nixon, in briefs to District of Columbia Superior Court Judge Harold Greene, said also that he would not obey a subpoena ordering him to testify in the California trial of his former adviser, John Ehrlichman.

Documents sent by presidential lawyer James St. Clair to Judge Greene said Mr. Nixon based his position on constitutional grounds and the need to avoid interference with his national security responsibilities.

The issue — which could lead to a direct clash between the President and the judiciary — stemmed from an order by California Superior Court Judge Gordon Ringer on January 10 that Mr. Nixon should testify before him last Monday.

Action on the date set by Judge Ringer was delayed because his subpoena did not arrive here until February 15, too late for a decision to be reached.

Judge Greene scheduled a special hearing on March 15 to determine whether the President should testify at the California trial. The charges against Mr. Ehrlichman arise from the burglary arranged by the White House "Plumbers Squad," at the office of a psychiatrist treating Daniel E. Ellsberg, the man who leaked the Pentagon study of the Vietnam war to the press.

Meanwhile special Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski says he thinks his office now knows the full story of the Watergate affair, the "New York Times" reported yesterday.

Jaworski told the "Times" in a Washington interview that major indictments of persons involved in the cover-up of the Watergate break-in would come as early as today or tomorrow.

The "Times" quoted Jaworski as saying that the indictments are being delayed until a jury is sequestered in the New York trial of former Attorney General John Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans. They are being tried on charges of conspiracy, perjury and obstructing justice.

Jaworski said in the interview that the full Watergate story would be revealed as indictments were handed down and trials begun. But the prosecutor added the case has not "peaked" and further disclosures were expected. *(Reuter, AP)*

'SOLZHENITSYN DOESN'T NEED ONLY HIS CHILDREN'

Wife won't leave without books

MOSCOW (UPI). — The wife of exiled author Alexander Solzhenitsyn said yesterday she would not leave the country without her husband's books. She said official permission to export them could take at least one month.

"Solzhenitsyn doesn't only need his children, he needs his books," she told Western newsmen.

Solzhenitsyn's wife, Nataiya Svetlova, was left behind with her four children and mother when her husband was expelled two weeks ago. A government decree said the family may join Solzhenitsyn when they deem it necessary.

His wife said she went to the Lenin Library on Tuesday to arrange to take her husband's library to the West. Officials there told her she would first have to make a list of the 500 to 1,000 books and submit them for approval, she said.

"They said a decision couldn't be made in less than a month," she said.

After his banishment to the West, Solzhenitsyn said confiscation of his archives would amount to "spiritual murder." He said if he did not get them, he would concentrate his writings on present conditions in the Soviet Union for which he needs no archives.

His wife said she had not begun filling in the necessary forms to obtain a passport, because she did not know where Solzhenitsyn would settle.

She said she expected him to make a decision on the matter within the next 24 hours.

French gunboats for Iran

CHERBOURG (Reuter). — France will build six missile-firing high speed gunboats for Iran in a multi-million dollar contract, the shipbuilders said here yesterday.

The gunboats will be similar to the ones built for Israel a few years ago and used with devastating effect during the October war.

Gunboats to protect British oil rigs

LONDON (AP). — Britain's Royal Navy plans to build up a small fleet of gunboats to protect oil rigs in the North Celtic Sea between Britain and Ireland from attacks or hijackings, naval sources said. The sources did not specify where such attacks might come from, but the possibility of Irish terrorists making an attempt was not ruled out.

OFFICIAL PROTEST TO FRENCH GOVERNMENT

Chinese angry over film spoof

PARIS (AP). — The Chinese Embassy officially protested to the French Government on Monday about a comedy film depicting Chinese occupation of Paris.

The embassy said it didn't think the movie was one bit funny.

According to the film, when the Chinese take over Paris, the French operate on the black market, turn each other in to the political police, and lie, drink and make enough love to corrupt the occupiers. The satire seems mostly at the expense of the French.

Directed by Jean Yanne, the film was made in Paris with hundreds of Asian students forming an occupation army that closes down the Galeries Lafayette department store as a symbol of bourgeois decadence and replaces cars with rickshaws on the Paris streets. French government television has given wide publicity to the comedy and two weekly magazines feature it on their cover this week, emphasizing the humour of the film.

None the less, the Chinese Embassy in a statement said:

"It's a very grave affair for relations between our two countries. We do not understand how the French Government not only tolerated the release of the film but the publicity for it on television."

The statement complained that the film made "an unacceptable parallel between socialist China and fascist Germany...."

A French diplomat said privately that he was amazed by the extremely hard tone of the Chinese statement.

The official Gaullist newspaper, "La Nation," dealt with the situation by saying the Chinese were the first people to take Jean Yanne seriously.

Simon's outburst on Shah could prove costly

WASHINGTON (AP).—U.S. energy chief William Simon may have hurt his chances of being named next Secretary of the Treasury when he criticized statements by the Shah of Iran, well-placed sources say.

Simon, who also is Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, has been considered one of two leading candidates to succeed Treasury Secretary George Shultz, whose resignation could come at any time.

But Treasury sources friendly to the idea of Simon becoming the next Secretary say he made a major mistake on Monday when he denounced as "irresponsible and reckless" statements by the Shah of Iran. The remark by the Shah that aroused Simon's ire was that the U.S. is importing as much oil now as before the Arab oil boycott.

The criticism of the Shah had potential for considerable embarrassment for the U.S. President Nixon felt obliged to contradict Simon at his news conference on Monday night, stating "I would not say that the Shah was irresponsible and reckless." He said the Iranian leader probably was using different figures than Simon's office.

However, the Prime Minister of Iran said on Tuesday the Shah's information came mainly from U.S. sources, including Simon himself.

Simon "must be talking through his hat," said Prime Minister Amir Abass Hoveida, in an interview. He said Iran would not lodge an official protest over the matter.

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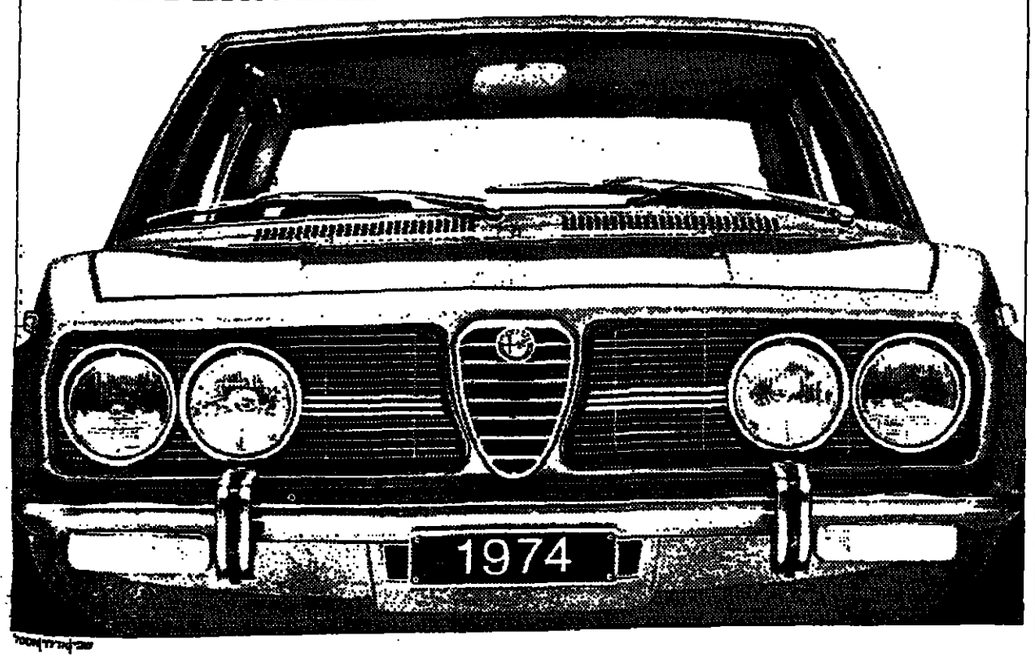

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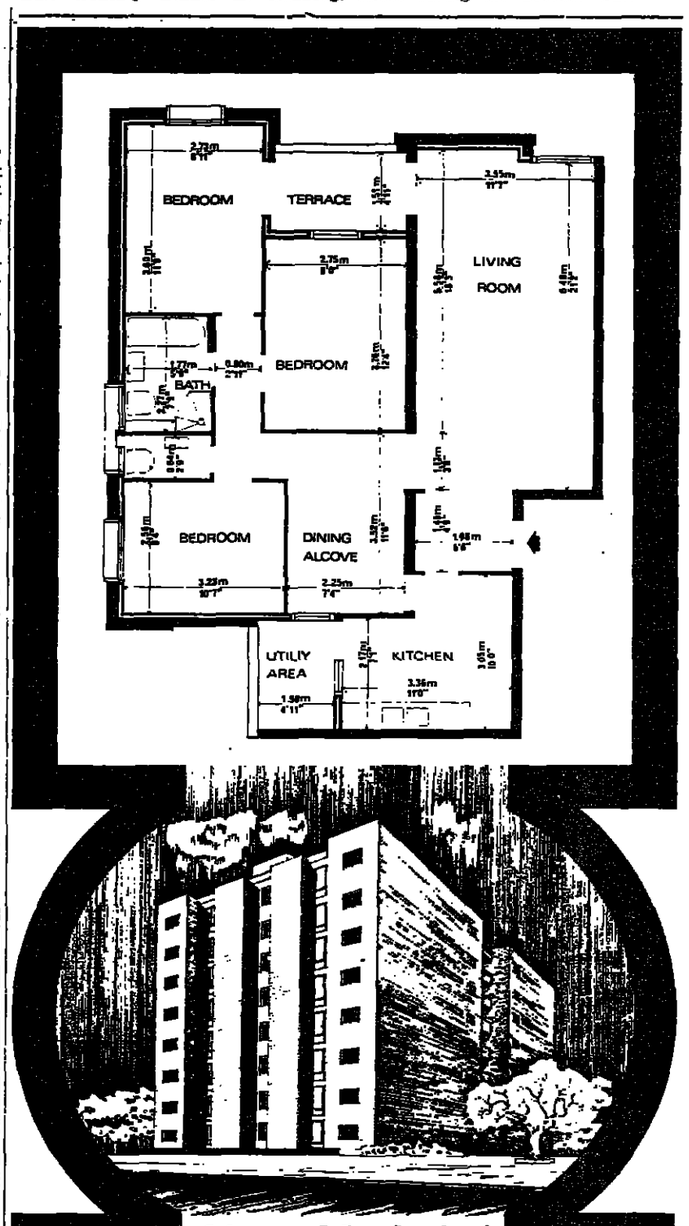

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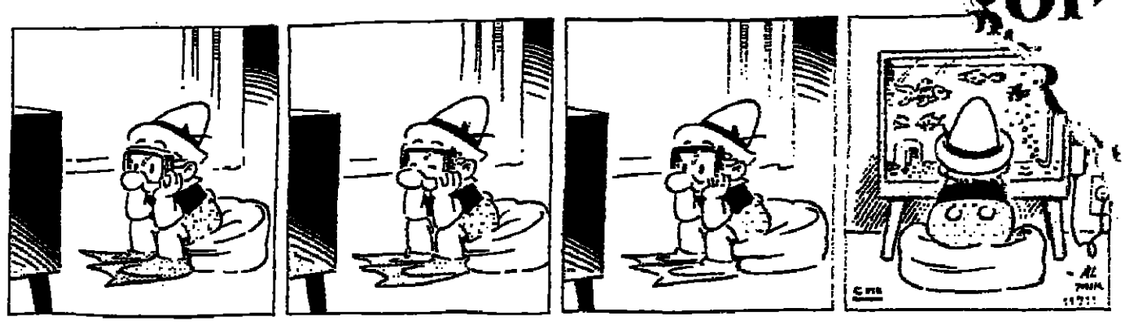

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HEBREW NEWS AND NEWSREELS
1st Programme: News: Every hour on the hour, except 1 a.m. Newsreels: 7.05 a.m. 1.05 p.m. 7.05 and 11.05 p.m.
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FIRST PROGRAMME
256, 532 and 221 M.
7.58 a.m. Opening 8.05 "Famous artists" — with Helmut Wobisch (Trompet), The Israel Trio (Hoexter, Breuer, Harel), Jacob Thomas (Mandoline), The Roger Wagner Chorale, Avi Carmieli (Carmichord), Jacques Loussier, Nicanor Zabaleta (Harp), Simha Cheled (Cello), Maria Callas (Soprano), Marie-Louise Girod (Organ), and The Paul Bonneau Orchestra. 9.05 "Sound of Opera" Weber, "Freischuetz": Overture (Conductor: Otto Klemperer) Aria (Pilar Lorengar — Soprano) Huntsman's Chorus (The Morriston Chorus) Arias sung by Beverly Sills. 9.55 English News. 10.05 "The Happy Station" (Second Broadcast) (recorded from a public performance at The Tel-Aviv Museum) with the Singers Sylvia Shamai, Jerome Barry, and The Netanya Orchestra conducted by Laszlo Roth. Producer — Eddie Halpern. 10.55 News 11.00 News in easy Hebrew 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Programmes for Elementary schools. 11.35 Songs and melody. 12.15 Programmes for elementary schools. 12.35 Midday Concert: Kurpinsky: Overture; Haydn: Trumpet Concerto in E-flat major (Soloist: Martin Berinbaum). 1.05 At Midday 1.35 Midday concert — Paderewski: Piano Concerto in A-minor (Soloist. Earl Wild). 2.06 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Radiodea" — Bettering Your Knowledge. 3.30 Literature. 3.50 Book Review. 4.05 The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra (second broadcast in stereo of last Tuesday's Concert at the Jerusalem Theatre) Testimonium (founded by Recha Freier). Conductor — *Ischiardo (Guest from Spain).* Benzion Orgad: "Torments of Deliverance"; Leon Schidlowski: "Akiva Ben Josef"; Lukas Foss: "Lamdeni"; Yaakov Gilboa: "Klonimus". 5.55 English News 6.05 "People and Figures." 6.25 Programme for the Worker and Employer 6.50 French News. 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 "Today." 7.25 Bible Reading: Yehezkel: chaps. 1 and 2. 8.05 This week in the Knesset. 8.30 "Listen to the Band" Works by Rimsky-Korsakow 9.05 "New Sounds" (Stereo) Part One — Recordings of The Netherlands Radio — Stockhausen: "Gruppen," for 2 Orchestras. Part Two — Recordings of the German SWF—Guersching Albrecht: "Drei plus Vier," for Clarinet, Horn Bassoon, Violin, Viola, Cello and Double bass; Stravinsky: 3 Shakespeare Sonnets for Mezzo-Soprano, Flute, Clarinet and Viola; Roman Haubenstock-Ramati: "Jeux I" for One Percussionist. Producer — Joan Williams. 10.05 Family magazine 11.05 "Tonight." 11.25 "Great Artists" Isaac Stern (Violin) 12.05 A moment of poetry 12.06 Close Down. 2.05-5.00 Songs and tunes. 5.05-8.00 Same as second programme.

SECOND PROGRAMME
457, 423, 353 and 349.5 M.
5.05 Songs and tunes. 5.55 religious Service. 6.05 Exercises. 6.15 Musical Clock 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew 7.05 "This Morning" 7.25 "Hebrew songs." 7.55 Green light." 8.05 Announcements 8.10 Good Morning. 8.55 Names and events in the headlines. 9.05 Good morning count. 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.40 Where to go and light music. 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 "Smile" — songs and sketches. 1.05 "At Midday." 12.25 Hebrew songs. 2.05 This is Rivka Michaeli. 3.05 Requests 3.55 Encore — ed. by S. Rosen. 4.05 A moment of Hebrew 4.06 "Hebrew Edition" — Foreign Songs translated into Hebrew 4.30 S. Rosen's Quiz. 4.35 Hebrew edition (cont.) 5.05 "Personal Request" 6.05 "Songs We Loved." 6.45 Today's sport. 6.55 Announcements. 9.05 Basketball: Maccabee T.A. v. Belgium (live from Yad Eliyahu). 10.45 Light Music. 11.05 "Tonight." 11.25 "I am yours and you are mine." 12.05 "Old favourites." 1.05-3.00 songs and tunes.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
456 M.
6.58 Opening 7.00 News 7.25 Songs and Melody. 8.00 News. 8.05 Songs and Melody.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
457, 423, 256, 249, 355 and 349.5 M.
7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew. 7.15 Georgian 7.30 Yiddish 8.00 Ladino 8.15 Mograbi 8.30 Rumanian 8.45 Russian 9.10 Close Down.

ENGLISH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES
7.00-7.15 a.m. (4th programme and short waves);
9.55 a.m. (1st programme);
1.30-2.00 p.m. (4th programme and short waves);
5.55 p.m. (1st programme);
5.30-5.45 p.m. (4th programme);
10.00-10.45 p.m. (short waves).

FRENCH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES
7.15 a.m. (5th programme and short waves);
10.55 a.m. (1st programme);
2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th programme and short waves);
6.50 p.m. (1st programme);
8.45-9.00 p.m. (4th programme);
12.00-1.00 a.m. (short waves).
1st programme — 256, 522 and 221 M
4th programme — 407, 445 and 292 M
Short waves — 16, 19, 25, 31, 33, 41 and 49M.

GALEI ZAHAL
6.06 Early Morning tunes. 6.55 For soldiers and their families. 7.05 Morning tunes (cont). 7.55 Programme Trailer. 8.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 8.30 Requests. 10.55 Uri Sela's Corner. 11.05 Warm and Tasty. 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 12.20 Warm and Tasty. 1.30 "It Happened. It Happened." 1.35 Warm and Tasty. 1.55 Announcements to soldiers. 2.05 Light entertainment with Mani Peer and Revital Amit. 2.30 Quiz. 2.57 Programme Trailer. 3.05 Light Entertainment (cont) 4.05 Please Call. 5.05 Zahal's Newsreel 5.40 Tunes for everybody. 6.05 "A man's life" 7.05 By Request. 9.05 "A Profile of an Artist" — Melina Mercouri. 10.05 Tonight — with Yosef Lapid. 11.45 Lovin' talk." 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 12.20 "Night Birds" — with Uri Lotan and Pnina Bat Zvi. 3.05-6.00 tunes in the night.

ISRAEL TELEVISION
5.30 News. 5.32 Circus. 5.40 The World of Walt Disney 6.00 Moresha. 6.30 Mabat 9.00 Basketball: Maccabee T.A. v. Belgium (live from Yad Eliyahu). 10.30 Hawaii 5-0 11.30 News.
Arabic: 5.30 News. 6.32 cartoons. 6.46 This is your problem. 7.30 News.
Educational: 7.50 Geometry 5. 8.15 Maths 8. 8.40 Literature 2-5 9.05 Maths 6. 9.25 Electricity 8. 10.00 Technology 9. 10.20 Maths 5. 10.45 For Kindergartners. 11.05 Biology 9. 11.25 Science 6 12.00 Algebra 9. 12.20 Science-physics 7. 1.00 Electricity 10. 1.20 French. 1.40 Film 4.00 English 4.20 Geometry 4.35 Film 5.00 Youth Magazine.

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TOCKS

...ing bank buying up dollars again

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A demand for almost one million dollars caused the price of the dollar Natad to rise by nine points yesterday to stand at IL5.11. The demand, it is learned, came from a "leading bank" which closely follows the financial policy of the Ministry of Finance. The last time this bank placed a huge order there were persistent rumours that devaluation was around the corner. At any rate, some $701,200 was traded yesterday, mainly purchased by this bank.

Index-linked bonds rose by one to three per cent yesterday. Financial circles give two reasons for this rise. The first is that the law against "bond washing" (i.e. selling bonds on which income tax normally falls to provident funds — which do not pay income tax — shortly before the bonds fall due) will probably not be passed for another 18 months. The second is that the IL80m. issue of index-linked bonds just floated by the government was snapped up hungrily, and investment money is flowing again into old index-linked bonds until new issues are available.

Stocks rose, but the two favourites of the previous day, Naphtha and Lapidot, fell slightly — because many of the stockholders are not satisfied with the Government's offer to buy the first back at 90 points and the second at 180, and they are planning court action. Whether they will be successful or not is a moot question, but what is certain is that the day of purchase by the authorities, April 15, will probably be postponed until the court case is over. Thus, holders of these two shares prefer to sell them immediately and reinvest in other things. Naphtha fell by one point yesterday to 85 (60,000), and Lapidot by 0.5 to 168.5 (50,000). Electric Corporation, which may also benefit at some future date by government repurchase, also fell, by one point to 54.5 (92,000).

Bank Leumi rose by 2.5 to 251.5 (150,000) and Otzar Hityashvut by 6.5 to 221 (45,000). (Otzar Hityashvut is the mother company of Bank Leumi.)

The turnover in stocks was IL1,019,100. Of this, IL439,000 was in the variables.

The general index rose yesterday by 0.09 per cent to stand at 241.57.

		27.2.74	26.2.74
DEBENTURES			
LINKED TO THE DOLLAR			
5% Dead Sea Junior	r	—	—
6% Electric Corp. A	r	—	—
6% Electric Corp. B.	r	—	—
LINKED to the G.e.L. INDEX (Principal & Interest)			
Elite 1965, Index 110.1	b	308	302
Bitahon 1968, Series 41	b	131.6	130
Bitahon 1969, Series 41	b	247.4	244
COMMERCIAL BANKS & BANKHOLDING COMPANIES			
Otzar Hityashvut	r	215.	214.5
I.D.B. pref.	r	196	196
I.D.B. Bankholding	r	160	161
Union Bank	r	276.5	276.5
Israel British Bank	b	289	288
Discount Bank "A"	r	453	455
United Mizrahi Bank	b	158.5	156
Bank Hapoalim—10%	b	321	320
Bank Leumi—"A"	r	251.5	249
MORTGAGE BANKS			
Gen. Mortgage Bank	b	212.5	212.5
Shomel Mortg. & Inv.	b	129.5	129.5
Bank Binyan	b	220	220
Inv. & Mortg. Bank	b	216	217
Housing Mortg. Bank	b	176	175
Tefahot 8%	b	213.5	213.5
Tefahot	b	209	209
SPECIALIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS			
Ind. & Dev. Bank 8%	r	73.5	73.5
Hasneh Insurance	b	192	192
Sahar—"C"	b	261	260
COMMERCIAL SERVICES & UTILITIES			
Motor House	b	70	70
Delek C.	r	142.5	142.5
Cold Storage—IL10	r	170	174
Israel Electric Corp.	r	54.5	55.5
Lighterage & Supply	r	153	157.5
LAND, BUILDING DEVELOPMENT AND CITRUS			
Azorim	r	177	178
Africa Isr IL10	r	258.5	258.5
Isr. Land Dev.	b	151.5	153
Solel Boneh—10%	b	129	129
Property & Build.	r	175	176
Isras	b	136.5	136.5
Mehadrin	r	194.5	183
I.C.P. Isr. Citrus	b	83.5	82.5
Anglo-Isr. Investor	b	159.5	156
Neot Aviv	r	70	70
Pri Or Ltd.	r	165	165
Rassco—8%	r	78	78
Rassco—O.	r	61.5	61
INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance—B	r	461	471
Elco—2.5	b	95	95
Electra—5	r	179	179
"Afgaman"—8%	b	235	235
"Ata"—C	r	106	107.5
Dubek	b	350.5	355
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	173	173
Tera	b	336	306
Chem. & Phosphates	r	62	58
Lewin Epstein	b	65	65
Moller Textile	r	160	160
Phoenicia—8%	b	88	86.5
Paper Mills	r	288	285
Assis "B"	r	201.5	201.5
Nechushtan	b	256.5	256.5
Shemen—8%	b	127	125
"Taal" Plywood	b	211	210
Elite (A)		280	278
INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES			
Elgar	b	94.5	81.5
Eliern	b	155	156.5
Israel Central Trade	r	298.5	298.5
Bank Hapoalim	b	227	227
Pas	b	92	93
Wolfson IL10	b	89.5	90.5
Ampa	r	109.5	109.5
Discount Bank	b	134.5	136
United Mizrahi	b	98.5	98
Bank Leumi	r	180	179.5
Piryon Investment	r	89.5	87.5
Hassuta-For. Trade	r	80	80
Export Bank	b	58.5	59
Clal Investment	r	180.5	180
Clal Industries	r	170	171
FUEL & OIL			
Naphta OTC	r	85	85
Lapidoth OTC	r	168.5	168.5

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DM	2.6625/45	per $
Swiss Fr.	3.0970/1000	per $
French Fr.	4.81½/81¾	per $
Lire	646.20/647.20	per $
Belgian Fr.	40.25/30	per $
Dutch Fl.	2.7820/50	per $
Yen	286/287	per $

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FORWARD RATES

	1 Mo.	3 Mos	6 Mos
£/$	2.2875/95	2.2815/35	2.2200/20
DM/$	2.6660/700	2.6735/75	2.6795/845
Sw.Fr./$	3.1035/90	3.1100/55	3.1150/220

Sanbar report has sharp words for pre- and post-war policy

By Dr. MOSHE ATER
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

The latest report by the Governor of the Bank of Israel on the rise in our means of payment is a much more outspoken document than previous ones. Its strictures and suggestions are evidence of our economic policy. His recommendations are not likely to find favour with the Treasury, but the public should take good note of them.

The Governor's boldest suggestion is to re-introduce linking for long-term development loans. Mr. Sanbar recommends applying the linking clause to only one-half of the amount of the loan and to charge interest — at the current rate — on one half (though the relative burden of linking and fixed interest may change in course of time).

Even a half-measure such as this would spell a departure from current practice and go far beyond the suggestions put forward by Mr. Sanbar himself in his previous reports (which envisaged only a slightly higher rate of fixed interest). Obviously, the Governor has at long last been converted to the view that in the present inflationary circumstances fixed-interest loans amount to a give-away at the taxpayer's expense and should be discontinued. Of course, his recommendation will be fiercely opposed by the investors' lobby, and is unlikely to be implemented for the time being. But the present system of development finance will at least cease to be regarded as a sacred cow.

Mr. Sanbar's other suggestions include stiffer terms for export credits; and more flexible terms for the short-term loan, in order to make this important financial instrument adjustable to the changing conditions in our capital market. His recommendations to lower the liquidity ratios for fixed deposits, and to increase their rates of interest are already being put into practice. This may check the drain of funds from these accounts, and increase the banks' lending power, enabling them to meet the economy's legitimate requirements without incurring huge liquidity deficits.

However, the most important part of the report is its scathing criticism of our economic policy during the six months prior to and the three months after the war, as well as its plea to reduce the inflationary impact which has been expanding our spending far beyond the economy's resources. It may be argued that the Bank of Israel has itself participated in this trend, that its pre-war credit squeeze should have been effective; that its open market policy did not work; that its post-war credit aid to the economy was excessive. But one must bear in mind the limited scope of action of Israel's central bank and the strength of pressures to which it is subject.

PEAK OF INFLATION

During the six months before the war, conversion of foreign currency by the private sector amounted to about IL800m., and the government's over-spending to IL600m. Instead of neutralizing the influx of purchasing power, the government thus almost doubled it. Bank credits rose by IL170m. in that period, an amount almost exactly offset by the central bank's contrary measures. Nevertheless, the report states that the inflationary process which had been taking place in our economy since 1971, reached its peak then. This expressly refutes the official theory that we are affected by the soaring costs of imported commodities. It is true that import prices advanced 35 per cent between January and September 1973, but the factor explains less than one half of the price rise which took place in that period. Most of the inflationary impact stemmed from excessive demand, not from costs. It was directly linked to the unprecedented increase in private consumption, and to the rise in public — non-defence — consumption, as well as to the building boom which went on right up to the war.

During the three months after the war, currency conversion turned negative, reducing the means of payment by over IL500m. But public deficit spending exceeded IL700m. and on top of this there was a substantial increase in bank credits. The report points out that while this expansion was required in order to offset the initial shock of the war, the economy's liquidity was "more than ample" as early as the end of October. Nevertheless, spending and lending continued, pushing up the amount of means of payment for another two months.

It is against this background that one should study the report's major recommendations. These start with supporting the need to aid the economy's recovery and re-employment of men released from military duty. But they go on to say that "in spite of the current necessity to secure full employment, one must beware of swamping the economy with excess liquidity, which may accumulate and aggravate the inflationary pressure in the future." They also stress the necessity to start planning ahead at once, in particular with measures aimed at reducing the foreign trade deficit "which will remain the central issue for our economic policy." And they warn that appropriate steps to deal with that issue ought to be taken immediately.

In view of the current uncertainty regarding the course of the economy, the report recommends a flexible fiscal policy, which should be ready to react both to excessive and to slumping demand. However, it counsels the reduction of non-defence public consumption in line with the cut that must take place in private spending, and says that the budgetary deficit ought to offset only part of the decline in the means of payment which will be caused by the continuing conversion of pounds into foreign currency (i.e. by a further drain on our dollar reserves). What we need now is expansion of bank credits for productive projects, the report warns. If inflation is to be avoided, public spending must be curtailed in order to leave scope for that.

Fishermen to insist on rights off Sinai coast

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Fishermen's Union will demand that the new government safeguard the "historic rights" of Israel's trawl fishermen to operate off the Sinai coast under any peace agreement with Egypt, union secretary Dov Schmiede told *The Post* yesterday.

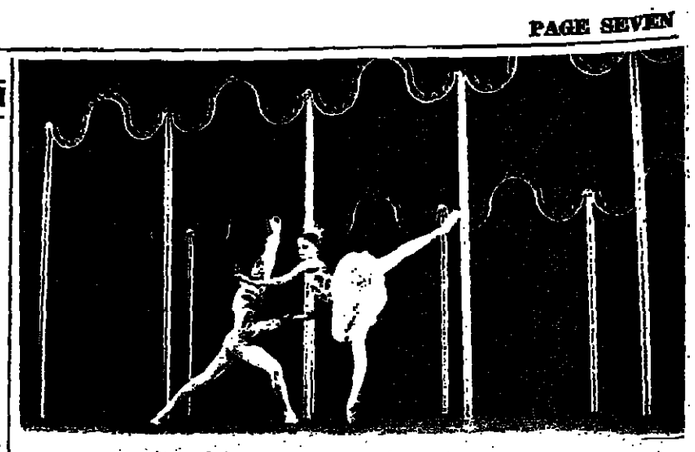
Mr. Schmiede noted that Israeli fishermen had fished off Sinai since British Mandate times, and had never stopped, with the exception of a few enforced intervals following shooting incidents. They therefore considered their claim for rights in the area as "absolutely legitimate" and would demand that the new government assure these rights, he said. The hundred men, who operate 20 trawlers, land an annual catch of about 1,000 tons, worth IL4 million to them. About half the catch comes from the Sinai fishing grounds, where they work during the summer months when there are no fish off Israel's coast.

The Sinai catches include most of the lucrative shrimps and cuttle fish which the union exports to Italy, as they are not kasher. Last year they brought in IL1 million, and the amount exported is scheduled to be raised by 50 per cent this year. Mr. Schmiede said his men would limit their demands to the right to fish outside territorial waters, but would not agree to a territorial limit of more than three miles. He noted that the shrimp are caught at about three miles offshore, and any unilateral extension of the water limit by the Egyptians would put paid to the shrimp fisheries.

He stressed that since the Six Day War, Egyptian fishermen had frequently fished the area, together with the Israelis "and we maintained excellent relations, often extending mutual aid."

Next month the sardine fishing season is due to start, and the union will shortly begin negotiations with the canning industry for the signing of the usual contract assuring the fishermen a market for their catches. However, he said, the union will this year demand a 25 per cent rise in the agreed price over the IL1.62 per kilogram they got last year, to make up for rising costs. They will also insist on an escalator clause for a price revision in July, if the C.o.L. index goes up, Mr. Schmiede said.

He noted that this year the fishermen were in a particularly strong position as the Army had bought up all tinned sardines the industry had had in stock to feed the troops. The tuna and mackerels that the industry imported to augment the sardine catches had also risen steeply in price, when they were available at all, so that the industry would be greatly dependent on the local sardine catches. Mr. Schmiede stressed that their demand was based on the cost review made by the Agriculture Ministry, and was in fact lower than what the Ministry might sanction.



Cinderella and the Prince — both not yet in their teens — in Lia Schubert's production of "Cinderella" at the Haifa Municipal Theatre.

CHILDREN'S BALLET

By DORA SOWDEN

HAIFA has a new dance company — the Haifa Piccolo Ballet. Its members are children and teen-Dance Academy) started her dance Centre and its purpose is the performance of classical ballet. Lia Schubert who came from Sweden (where she headed the Stockholm Dance Academy) started her Dance institute in 1969 and has since been working to encourage classical ballet in Israel, as well as working with her modern dance company, "The Dancers Stage."

At present the Haifa Piccolo Ballet is staging a series of morning and afternoon performances of the full-length classical ballet "Cinderella" at the Haifa Municipal Theatre. Though the leading roles of Cinderella and the Prince are danced by under-teenage "principals," some parts of the ballet are performed by professional dancers.

During a recent visit to London, I again met Robert Cohan, artistic director of the London Contemporary Dance Company, who was here in December and whose ballet "Cell" is to be presented by the Batsheva Company (premiere March 5). He told me that despite his four previous visits, he found new surprises in dance again this time. "Israel can definitely stand two companies like the Batsheva and the Bat-Dor," he said. "They have a different image and projection. And I do want to say this about the audiences: I haven't seen their like anywhere in the world. The companies here play to full houses for a month. You can't find that even in New York."

The interview with Belle Didjah, published in The Jerusalem Post on Monday, February 25, was by Ilana Marshall, and not by Dora Sowden as ascribed in error.

Lufthansa travel up 5.5% in '73 despite war

By GEORGE LEONOF
Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Lufthansa last year carried 30,535 passengers between West Germany and Israel, an increase of 5.5 per cent over the previous year's total despite the traffic slowdown as a result of the October war. In the nine months prior to the hostilities, the airline's passenger total was running 14 per cent ahead of the corresponding period in 1972, it was disclosed yesterday by Paul Fischer, the airline's manager in Israel.

Mr. Fischer was addressing aviation correspondents at Beit Sokolow in connection with Lufthansa's imminent expansion of its Israel route from six to eight flights weekly. He said there was good reason to expect a further 10 per cent increase in traffic this year. In contrast to the general decline in tourism to Israel in 1973, the number of visitors from West Germany remained practically unchanged, totalling 42,320 as against the previous year's figure of 43,212 — a vacillation of 0.2 per cent.

Freight transportation in both directions, on the other hand, showed a significant increase. The 956 tons of cargo carried in 1973 (514 tons to Israel, 442 to Germany), constituted a 39 per cent increase over 1972.

Concerning the new eight-flight schedule which goes into effect April 1, Mr. Fischer said there would be four weekly each to Munich and Frankfurt. The Frankfurt flights on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, take off from Ben-Gurion Airport at 7.50 a.m. to reach their destination at 11 a.m.

Munich flights leave at 3.10 p.m. Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Fares on the Israel route are among those which will be raised the full 7 per cent in March, on the basis of the recent international accord.

BEST FINANCIAL YEAR

Nicolas Iljine, Lufthansa's assistant public relations chief, noted that 1973 would have been the airline's best financial year on record but for the lengthy go-slow strike by its air control staff in Germany. It cost the company DM220m. during the year, he said. The final financial report for the year is not yet out, but is expected to show that the airline broke even.

Mr. Iljine added that the company's annual fuel budget has soared to DM600m., three times that of the previous year, absorbing 8 per cent of the year's revenue. The high rate of the mark in relation to the dollar also had an adverse effect on Lufthansa's economics. All sales on international flights are calculated in U.S. currency, while the bulk of the company's expenditure is in Deutschmarks.

Neville Kitto, of Lufthansa's press and information department in Cologne, said that Lufthansa's charter affiliate, Condor, is confronted with a shrinking market because of the higher costs and general shortage of fuel. Scheduled airlines receive general preference in distribution of fuel, while the delicately balanced economics of charter operations make them far more sensitive to increased costs.

WALL STREET — Closing Wed., February 27, 1974

STOCK PRICES UP

NEW YORK (AP). — The stock market continued its upward move yesterday, impelled by some new hopes for progress toward an end to the Arab oil embargo.

The Dow Jones Average of 30 industrial stocks was up nearly five points half an hour before the close, and gainers outnumbered losers by eigh to five as trading picked up from its recent slack pace on the New York Stock Exchange.

Analysts noted that a mild morning rally had begun to fade when reports reached Wall Street that Secretary of State Kissinger had received a list of Israeli prisoners in Syria, thus raising hopes for an early start on disengagement talks between the two countries.

"A whole series of economic worries hinges on the oil embargo," said one analyst. "With an encouraging step like this, the market is moving way from its fears of problems."

The Dow Jones industrial index finished the day up 3.91 at 863.42, after an 8.13 point rise on Tuesday, for its highest close since Jan. 23.

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Benguet	4⅝	Fluor Cp	51½	Moor McCor	15¼	Texas Instru	107¾
Beth Stl	34¼	Fd Fair	6⅝	Morgan J	83½	Textron	32½
Boeing Co	15½	Ford Mot	46⅞	Nabisco	33⅝	Transwair	16⅝
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Australia cuts import tariffs

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel exporters will benefit from recent changes in Australian import regulations, the Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce announced yesterday.

The chamber said Australia has cut by an average of 10 per cent the tariffs on most products shipped to that country under special arrangement for imports from developing countries. While import tariffs were lowered, several classes of goods are still subject to import quotas. These include leatherwear, cotton products and electronic equipment.

Not included in the tariff reduction programme are tyres, oils, pesticides, shoes, basic food products and certain machine parts. On the other hand, home-made products such as ceramics, handicrafts and glassware can be shipped duty-free.

The commerce chamber said interested exporters should apply at its offices — 3 Rehov Bezalel Yoffe, Tel Aviv — for the special forms required for exports to Australia.

Black-market dollar backfires

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The black market dollar "backfired" yesterday in Lilienblum Street.

As a rule, the chief buyers are the Arabs from the administered areas. Yesterday, however, they also began selling dollars.

Since the price was a fairly low IL5.10 — it has been as high as IL5.40 — there were also plenty of buyers. But the dealers think that a "saturation point" is approaching. If it does, the dollar will fall still more.

There were slight fluctuations in the prices of other currencies, but it was a kilogram of gold which set a new Israeli record, going for IL29,000 — up IL2,500 over the previous day. However, this price, which follows the lead taken by gold in Europe, is more of academic interest than financial, for there were only a few sales.

But there were plenty of sales of silver, with a kilogram going for IL1,230, up IL150 over the previous day.

Education is not limited to schools

In the Supreme Court sitting as Court of Criminal Appeals

Before Justice Witkon, Kister and Etzioni

Ezra Ltd., Appellants, v. State of Israel, Respondent (Cr.A.338/73) The Supreme Court allowed an appeal against a judgment of the Jerusalem District Court delivered on February 11, 1973 (in Cr.A. 74/72.)

The Jerusalem Post LAW REPORT Edited by Doris Lankin

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YOUTH CLUB IS EDUCATIONAL

The appellants were found guilty by both the Magistrate's Court and the District Court of using a building and courtyard for a youth club contrary to the town planning scheme for the area and to the building permit granted for the building in question. They received leave to appeal to the Supreme Court.

Mr. Finkelman appeared for the appellants and Mr. Eliraz for the State.

Judgment

Justice Kister, who delivered the judgment of the Supreme Court, noted that as in accordance with the Jerusalem town planning scheme there may be "educational buildings" in a residential area such as the one in which the appellants' youth club is situated, the issue was reduced to the question of whether a youth club comes within the meaning of an educational building.

In answering this question in the affirmative, he noted that education is not confined to schools only, as witness the fact that "schools" are expressly mentioned in the town planning scheme, in addition to "educational buildings," as being permitted in a residential area. In his opinion, he continued, it is the purpose of youth clubs to complement the education given to children and youth in their schools and homes, and from their very nature it is essential that they be within easy distance of the children's reidences. The fact that the nature and system of education given in the youth clubs differs from that given in the schools, does not, he added, in any way derogate from its value, and he could but agree, in this context, with the English judge who said: "It would be an unfortunate thing if preceptors and teachers in any department were told that they must realize that the moment their teaching was found to be giving any kind of pleasure and enjoyment to those who were under their instruction, they must know that they were failing in their duty" (see Royal Choral Society, v. I.R.C., 1943, 2 All E.R. 109).

To the above conclusion, continued Justice Kister, must be added the fact that one of the aims of the appellants, as set out in their rules of association, is that of educating the youth in a certain religious direction.

It would appear, Justice Kister concluded, that the charge against the appellants had been brought in consequence of complaints brought by the neighbours against the noise emanating from the youth club. But a complaint of this nature is not a basis for a criminal action under the Planning and Building Law. On the other hand, relief against nuisance due to excessive noise may be obtained in other ways, by invoking either the Civil Wrongs Ordinance or the law and regulations enacted for the purpose of preventing noise and other nuisances.

The appeal should, therefore, be allowed and the conviction quashed.

Judgment given on January 27, 1974.

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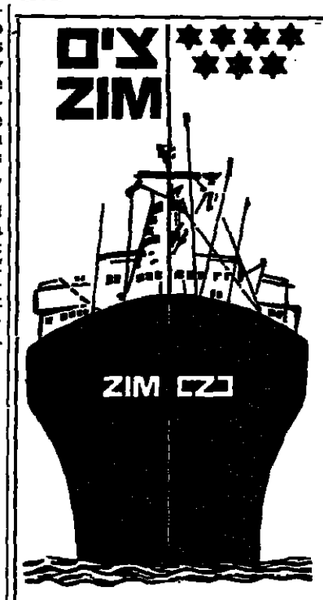

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RELIEF AND SORROW

FOR the many families affected, the terrible suspense of months was ended yesterday as Dr. Kissinger brought with him from Damascus the list of prisoners Syria now holds. The relief of the families of men on the list was set off by the sorrow of those whose hopes were not fulfilled.

The figure of 62 Israeli soldiers was much lower than the number reported by various newspapermen, especially from France, who claimed direct access to authoritative sources in Damascus. It was also lower than the figure of 80 whom the Defence Forces had listed as missing on the Golan front.

The discrepancy serves to strengthen the suspicions regarding the treatment accorded some prisoners by the Syrians.

Presumably now that the names have been made public, and Red Cross officials will be able to visit the men, they will be better treated. But, as Mrs. Meir told the nation last night, no efforts will be spared to determine the fate of those missing whose names were not included on the list.

Yesterday's developments will now enable the disengagement talks with Syria to get under way. And while the issue of the lists and Red Cross visits will no longer be used as bargaining counters against Israel, the Syrians undoubtedly will seek to reap such value from the question of returning the prisoners in exchange for the Syrian prisoners Israel holds — about six times as many.

This issue will only be one of the elements which will make the disengagement talks with the Syrians more difficult and complex than were the talks with Egypt. But since all the parties directly and indirectly involved have a stake in a favourable outcome, there is some reason for optimism.

Nevertheless, what should be clear at the outset is that the subject of negotiations is disengagement from the lines of the October War and not withdrawal from the 1967 lines.

For there is a danger that precisely because of Syria's traditionally extreme posture, there may be those who will be inclined to counsel Israel to take this extremism into account in the process of negotiations.

What is needed therefore is a good deal of patience and fixity of purpose, which will make it possible not to reward Syrian extremism but to permit the mutual interests in disengagement to resolve themselves naturally into an agreement.

Confused British go to polls today

LIBERALS IN CENTRE STAGE

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — All eyes will be on the Liberal Party this evening as the results of the election roll in. Having started as rank outsiders, the Liberals now hold the centre of the stage and their fate could decide this election.

The ruling Conservative Party ignored the early indications that the Liberals were gaining ground and only at the beginning of this week changed their tactics from talking about a Red scare to attack and pour scorn on the Liberals in a last-minute effort to discredit them.

The Labour Party has played the Liberal revival much cooler, apparently on the assumption that if the Liberals do capture a large number of votes they will take them more from the Conservatives than from Labour.

In many people's eyes, both the Labour and Conservative Parties have been tried and failed, especially under their present leaders. Because of this an ever increasing number of people began to declare that they would vote Liberal in the hope of getting some change in the political setup in this country.

The general mood of disenchantment with the two major parties may well bring much joy to Liberal leader Jeremy Thorpe, whose party won only seven seats in the last election. The party picked up five seats in by-elections since then, but that cannot usually be taken as an indication of how people will vote at a general election.

However, the opinion polls, which were so wrong at the last election, have been showing the Liberals as gaining more and more support as the campaign wore on. In the last few days some polls showed the Liberals as capturing as much as 28 per cent of the popular vote. Thorpe had spoken halfway through the campaign about the party capturing an unheard of 60 seats, and by election eve said that this figure had now been left far behind. Some of his party stalwarts were speaking of taking a hundred or more seats.

THORPE

The Tories have an unimaginably bad record over the past three and a half years of office. And this was emphasized during the last week, first by the announcement that prices had risen by 20 per cent last year, and a few days ago by the news that the trade deficit last month at £383m. was the worst ever — ten times greater than the deficit when the Tories came to power.

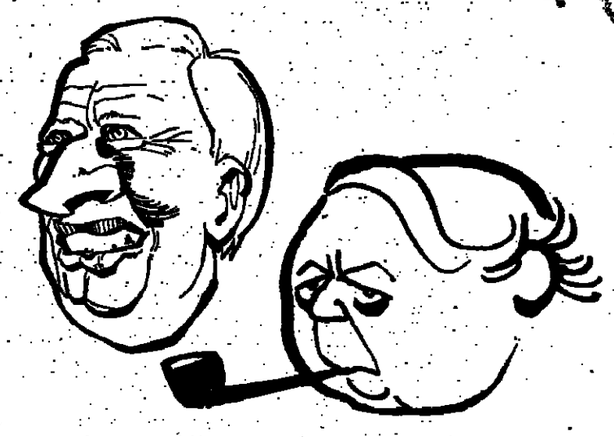
Despite this, the Conservative Party continues to lead the opinion polls, though not by very much. In the past few days there has been a growing feeling that the Conservatives are slipping somewhat. The latest polls show Labour closing the gap.

The Labour Party had little joy out of the first two weeks of the campaign. It received a consistently hostile coverage by the national press, which, with only one exception, the "Daily Mirror," has supported the Conservatives and the Liberals. It has also been the victim of a Tory campaign which descended to the depths of even claiming in a television propaganda slot that the Labour Party and the Communists were one. That Labour would take peoples' homes away from them through nationalization. That Labour was a bunch of red anarchists. And a host of other accusations.

Anti-Wilson feeling

In addition to the attacks from the Tories, the party has also had to listen to supposed supporters of the party declare during the campaign that Wilson must go — a sentiment which might be permissible at any other time, but seemed inappropriate during the campaign. Wilson is not popular with large sections of the population, and may indeed be a handicap to the party as many claim, but he could have expected support at least while the party was seeking to persuade the electorate that it should be returned to power.

The outcome which is most expected at present is that both the Conservatives and Labour will lose seats to the Liberals. This could mean that one of the two main parties will have to form a minority government, a phrase painfully familiar these days to Israeli ears. The possibility of a coalition between one of them and the Liberals seems unlikely at present as both parties have said that they wouldn't consider any such arrangement. However, if it's a question of holding power in a coalition, or the opposition benches, the parties might find it in their hearts to change their minds.



WILSON AND HEATH

Another possible outcome is that the Conservative Party might actually get the increased majority which they asked for when they called this election as a vote of confidence in their policies. The only policy on which they could expect much support was their refusal to give in to the miners' demands. This point has been weakened somewhat by the revelation last week that the miners are indeed underpaid, and that because of an arithmetic error they were being deprived of money that should have come to them.

None the less there is still a strong feeling that the Conservatives might emerge victorious from the polls, though whethe by an increased majority or no is another question.

The third possibility, and this is still considered the least likely, is that the Labour Party migh gain the largest number of seat This could happen if the Liberal made really major inroads in the Conservative vote.

However, with the gener mood of frustration with th divisive polices of the two ma parties, it looks likely that th major beneficiaries will be th Liberals, and on the margins th nationalist parties in Scotlan and Wales. In Northern Irelan the Conservatives are sure t lose formerly safe Unionist seat to the anti-assembly loyalists.

If this happens, and the y for the main parties is w then the holding of new tions before the year is out gins to look like a possibility.

ISRAEL PRESS

Cabinet formation

Ha'aretz (non-party) comments that after Tuesday's Rafi meeting, which decided to support Mrs. Meir's new cabinet, new elections are far less likely. The rider: its is assumed that Mr. Dayan will again be Minister of Defence and Mr. Peres will retain his cabinet seat, and this is consonant with what Mrs. Meir is apparently trying to achieve. While the family quarrel in the Alignment continues, the fronts seem slightly less rigid now.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) also welcomes the efforts to restore understanding within the Labour Party, but also adds that Rafi's demand of a wall-to-wall coalition is unacceptable and that Rafi's habit of fence-sitting must share in the blame for the situation. Equal importance as to the reconciliation with Rafi is attributed to the search for a new formula in the negotiations with the NRP as long as this does not involve substantive concessions beyond those already offered. With Dr. Kissinger due in the Middle East again and crucial decisions to be taken, the formation of a viable government is another step in the direction of peace.

Omer (Histadrut) regards it as essential that Mr. Dayan remain in office, if only so as to ensure continuity in the administration of defence affairs and his participation in the talks with Dr. Kissinger. The paper also remarks that agreement with the NRP will avoid the need to form a minority cabinet, which is a far from ideal solution.

She'arim (Po'alei Agudat Yisrael) stresses the difference between the situation in the south and in the north. Israel's hold on the Canal, more than it was a defence necessity, was an economic-moral siege of Egypt. It could therefore be given up with less harm to Israel than benefit for Egypt. On the Golan Heights — and in Jerusalem, on which the resolutions of the Lahore conference foreshadow a rigid Arab stand — any concession would certainly be harmful for Israel, and in all probability damage Israel's interests more than it could benefit the Arabs. Apart from anything else, the paper believes, what will or will not be achieved in the talks with Syria now will affect the scale of Egypt's demands in a few months to come.

Hatzofe (National Religious) expects Dr. Kissinger's arrival to shed light on the question whether Syria is prepared to negotiate with Israel or intends to hide behind Egypt's skirts. That would be unacceptable. Israel's determination not to give up the Golan Heights means that there is no place for negotiations with Syria in several stages, there is room for one stage, which must be followed, if not by peace, then by non-belligerency. One can only hope Dr. Kissinger understands that the success of his efforts depends on Syria's attitude.

Leaving Africa—with a laugh

By SHALOM COHEN

THE scene on the bridge, "the day we left Africa," looked like a set piece for a classical canvas. The broad sweeping "Afro-Asian" causeway across the Canal, built by the I.D.F. for immediate military needs, took on the appearance of a holiday resort pier on that Thursday, February 21. It was a strangely poignant moment for the departing battle-tried paratroopers, and they handled it in their own way — with a laugh.

A bridge to peace? We never heard anyone there say it. The few hundred people, mostly paratroopers, were too busy acting out the event.

The scene had a certain symmetry. Each end of the bridge, Egypt and Sinai, was piled up with men and machines and the paraphernalia of army ordnance. In between the road over the water emptied as the midday zero hour approached. One could stroll slowly along the bridge, watch the water washing gently over the rocky foundations. It was a silvery spring-like day and the indolent waterway looked brazenly placid. Southward, to the Bitter Lake, the blurred shapes of two stranded merchant ships occasionally emerged out of the noon sun-haze.

Iron monsters with nests of clowning soldiers on top were arriving from the Ismailia road to the north at the assembly point at the western, African bridgehead. More caravan than convoy. It was a fine day for a happening. None were giving orders, none were listening. Every private a general.

No steed, Anwar

Happening it was rather than a ceremony. Nothing kills a ceremony more than spontaneity. Posturizing phrases like "bridge of peace," or "bridge of sighs," fell flat. Free-wheeling, our ceremony-wise imagination — years of experience in the trade — tried to bring some order, create proper ceremony on the bridge, attended, let's say, by Golda and Anwar, ghosted appropriate speeches: "This is not just a bridge, it is..." Firm handshakes, gifts exchanged — "no Anwar, not an Arabian steed, whatever shall I... Then I insist, this photo album; there's one of me at the Mitla."

Water to the left, water to the right, but not an Egyptian to be seen. Only blue-bereted UNEF, less involved, mingling with our crowd, clicking cameras. A few Military Police circulated, half-heartedly trying to form a square around a flag-pole for the final farewell rites. There were no VIPs from Tel Aviv or Jerusalem, no one cut a tape, and no one nailed a plaque (missed opportunity for a big-giver).

There was a medley of sound, pops from champagne bottles drooling foam down armoured vehicles, boisterous shouts of paratroopers, far-off booms of mines being exploded — or training, someone said, and the hiss of detonated coloured smoke canisters, crude greens, reds and blues choking everyone indiscriminately. Soldiers lined up to phone home from a generator-operated Army communications vehicle — "Hullo! don't forget to watch TV tonight."

Everyone happy

There was no Master of Ceremonies, but everyone looked happy. Almost. One Army man, from "up North," stood pensively like a thinker on a Russian battlefield, quietly disapproving of some of the goings on, in particular some of the slogans the paratroopers had strung up on their vehicles, as being too "political" for the army. The paratroopers, first in last out, had a field day with variations on "Who is a Jew" and other Coalition chestnuts. Others played it straight, with "Farewell Africa" stuff, or "Income tax man, here we come." One massive howitzer on tracks had "We came as fighters, and leave as tourists." Observing the army clowning, a brasso type murmured about discipline, lack of, and that "Egyptian soldiers wouldn't dare carry on... jump to orders, on the double... etc." Such things were said quietly.

Away from bridgehead carnival, driving along the narrow Canal-side road northward towards Ismailia, one intruded into some eerily quiet place whose occupants forgot to lock the door. We ran into a paratrooper convoy heading south for the bridge assembly point, grimy half-tracks piled high with mattresses, blankets and other incongruous household items. Some were plastered with Playboy pinups. Later at the assembly point some of the non-regulation issue was ordered off. One half-track carried a banner "Gypsies of the Longest Day." We three *Post* staffers must have been the last Israeli civilians in Africa." "Where the hell do you think you're going? You'll run into the Egyptians," an Army officer (I.D.F.) barked at us as we drove on northward.

Nearby, we walked along a silent railway track, to some paratroopers squatting on the ground housewifely making their midday meal. On the other side of the railway line, a UNEF lookout was posted on a rooftop of an empty building. Another newly-arrived UNEF officer, happy for company, hurried to accept an invitation to eat with the paratroopers. A young black-bearded paratrooper said almost apologetically to us: "It hurts to leave, it cost us much blood." His comrades with a smile agreed it was a case of mixed feelings. It was also a move homeward, and demobilization for some. The mood was lighthearted.

Our conducting officer, a veters of several wars, ours and other seemed in a permanent state of b ing burnt up — at how people, I raelis, were insufficiently aware the incredible feat of arms of t Israel soldier, the "ordinary figh er," and the extent of the militar victory against tremendous odd Everybody knows, has been tol but it hasn't really registered, w thought, driving back homewar through Sinai after the pullout c remony. We scraped by laden tan carriers and other hardware; t roads were busy that day. Was because "they" did not know how tell it, or because of the "war the generals," or what?

There was *a speech* at the fi lowering. The paratroopers, hav finally formed a large square, w suddenly quiet. The speech, by paratrooper commander, l a s about one minute flat, ending w "All right, everyone disperse; have no accidents — everyone perse, to the other side of bridge."

READERS' LETTERS

Labels on conversion

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As a convert, I am genuinely amazed at the way stereotypes of "Conservative," "Reform," and "Orthodox" conversions are bandied about as descriptions of reality wherever the "Who is a Jew" controversy is discussed. Any American Jew who has looked into the question and who is not prejudiced in his selection of facts will report that conversion procedure in the U.S.A. varies widely from rabbi to rabbi regardless of movement affiliation. Thus one finds "Reform" rabbis requiring the traditional process of discouragement, instruction in *halacha*, circumcision, immersion, appearance before a *Beit Din*, and the traditional declaration of acceptance before the ark, and conversely, finds "Orthodox" rabbis who rush a proselyte through an abbreviated conversion process for the purpose of avoiding a mixed *civil marriage*. For this reason, the question of *halachic* conversion cannot be decided on the basis of the affiliation of the rabbis involved. Furthermore, in Talmudic Law, there is simply no precedent for the demand that the rabbis be affiliated with Orthodoxy — the only requirements for the members of a conversion *Beit Din* are the usual requirements mentioned elsewhere in the Talmud for judges, and *smicha* is not one of them.

My own conversion falls under the label "Conservative" because the rabbi who supervised my instruction was a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and the rabbi of a "Conservative" congregation. Nevertheless the lengthy instruction I received from him was in traditional Judaism. After more than two years of study, I was immersed in a *halachically* valid *mikve*, examined by a *Beit Din* of qualified judges (one rabbi with Orthodox *smicha*, one Conservative rabbi and one *hazzan* — all observant Jews and learned in the Law) and made the traditional declaration before the ark, all according to *halacha*. I will add that I am an observant Jew who keeps the commandments and intends to marry and raise her children fully within traditional Judaism. Yet I have been advised not to attempt to marry in Israel, because of the probability that the rabbis who supervised my conversion will not be recognized by the Israeli Rabbinate! One can only conclude that *halacha* is not the primary consideration of the Israeli rabbinate, but rather the political disenfranchisement of Reform and Conservative rabbis as a body. Why else the demand for "Conversion by (approved) Orthodox rabbis" rather than for "Conversion by the *halachic* procedure of discouragement, instruction, circumcision, immersion, examination and acceptance?"

Fortunately for my own case, I can arrange for a traditional wedding in the U.S.A. But the crunch will come some day when I and my future husband decide to make aliya. I can only hope that, by then, an acceptable agreement between the Israeli rabbinate and the rabbis of the Diaspora will have been reached regarding the conversion question, for a conversion such as I underwent is too emotionally powerful, too binding, and too final to be gone through twice. I do not feel that I can invalidate my original and *halachic* declaration before God by submitting to a second conversion under "approved" rabbis merely to further the political aspirations of a segment of Israeli Orthodoxy. Such a thing would make a travesty of the religious life I have led since my conversion and turn my Judaism into a mockery.

TAMAR BAT-AVRAHAM
Jerusalem, February 16.

More support for Dayan

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your editorial of February 17 entitled "Nation needs Dayan" expresses, I believe, the thoughts of many thousands of your readers. Throughout Israel's first 25 years, Moshe Dayan proved himself again and again as one of the few truly outstanding leaders in the political and military arena. If anybody can follow in Ben-Gurion's footsteps, it is only Dayan. As Israel needed Ben-Gurion during the formative period of the State, so the country needs Dayan now, when courage, vision, honesty and a clear grasp of our situation in the Middle East of 1974 are needed, rather than the pettiness and conformism to machine politics, which have become typical of so many of our public figures.

The same elements which put Ben-Gurion on "trial" are now trying to remove our one original thinker and strategist because, like Ben-Gurion, he has the courage to put Israel's security ahead of party considerations.

Motti Ashkenazi, wittingly or unwittingly, has become a tool in the hands of Eliav, Ben-Aharon, Mapam, Moked, and all the other leftist fringe groups which, if it had been up to them, would have given away the Sinai, the West Bank and the Golan on a silver platter long ago. Nobody else in Dayan's shoes could have handled the October events any better and none of the small band of noisy protesters would have demanded or supported long months of mobilization of our reserves and partial immobilization of our economy in the fall of 1973.

The same politicians who for so long have been fighting against personal elections would now like to use the background of the Yom Kippur War to purge Moshe Dayan because they rightly fear that, in spite of everything, he is still the one man who commands the widest support among the voters for the post of Minister of Defence and as a successor to Golda Meir.

WERNER M. LOVAL
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